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## "SUNNING" TRIAL.

Evidence of Former  
Prisoner.

CHASED BY WARSHIP.

Further evidence for the prosecution was called by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) when the case against the 17 Chinese who, it is alleged, were implicated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" on November 15, was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The first witness called this morning was the ship's carpenter—originally the 19th accused, who was released last week—who stated, in reply to the Crown Solicitor, that he was in his cabin at 2 a.m. when three armed men forced him to proceed to the poop deck where, with the stevedore, he was compelled to assist in launching a boat. Upon instructions from one of the pirates, whom he identified as the 4th accused, he got into the boat.

Continuing, witness said that when in the boat, the 4th accused stood on guard, witness and the stevedore rowed the boat, whilst the other occupants went to sleep in the bottom of the vessel. At 8 a.m. they sighted another boat and at 11.30 they saw H.M.S. "Bluebell" in the distance. Witness was instructed to row quicker.

Mr. Holmes: What did you say to the pirates?—I told them that it was impossible to escape. They then dumped the firearms overboard.

In reply to further questions from Mr. Holmes, witness said that he saw the 8th accused in the boat. The 1st accused was the armed man who forced him to lower the boat and who afterwards handed him a roll of bank notes which were subsequently taken from him when searched on H.M.S. "Bluebell."

Cross-Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. M. K. Lo (defending certain of the accused) witness said that the 8th accused was in the bow of the boat.

Mr. Lo: Was he seasick?—I only saw him lying down.

Mr. Lo suggested that the witness, the stevedore and the 8th accused, were the only occupants of the boat who were not covered up, but witness said that he felt certain that the latter was underneath a rug.

Mr. Lo: From the time you saw him in the boat until the time you arrived on board the "Bluebell," did you hear him speak at all?—No.

Mr. Lo: Did he ever have a firearm?—No.

Mr. Lo: Apart from the fact that you saw him in the boat, did he do anything to lead you to believe that he was a pirate?—No. I did not think that he was.

Mr. Lo: Did you think he was one of their comrades?—No.

Mr. Lo: He might have been a passenger trying to escape from the burning ship?—Yes.

Ship's Quartermaster.

Mr. Holmes then called one of the ship's quartermasters, who stated that when he went on watch at 4 o'clock he found three armed men on the bridge with the Captain and the 2nd Officer. A fall man wearing glasses was with the Captain at the chart desk. Witness was at the wheel until 5 p.m., remaining standing by until 6 o'clock. He returned to the bridge at 8 p.m. At midnight, when the shooting started, he ran to the stokehold. At 3 o'clock, upon seeing the fire, he returned to the boat deck, helping to lower a boat in which he left, being afterwards picked up by a Norwegian steamer.

Arrested Again?

The "China Mail" learns from an authoritative source that Teui Wu, the 7th defendant in the "Sunning" piracy case, who, following the submission of Mr. M. K. Lo (defending) that there was no case to answer, was discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Monday afternoon, has again been taken into custody by the Police.

The authorities concerned declined to make any statement when interviewed by the "China Mail," but, as far as can be ascertained, the man was taken into custody on Wednesday afternoon when he called at Central Police Station for his property.

It is understood that the man's arrest is in no way connected with the "Sunning" piracy case, at the time of going to prison, the man was still in custody. Unless he is discharged

## "BAIL FOR ROGUES."

No Fagins In Hong  
Kong.

SOLICITOR AND POLICE.

Charged with being concerned with another Chinese in a bag-snatching episode on Battery Path on Tuesday afternoon, a Chinese was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Det. Sgt. Carey, prosecuting for the Police, asked for a remand in order that the Police might make further inquiries.

Mr. C. A. Russ, solicitor, defending, said that he did not object to a remand, but would apply for bail, which he was prepared to offer to any reasonable amount.

His Worship said that it was a case where care must be exercised, the offence being a serious one.

Mr. Russ: My defence is that this is a case of mistaken identity. I am prepared to offer substantial bail. I do not think that there are any Fagins or Professor Moriarty in Hong Kong who are prepared to supply bail for rogues.

His Worship: Will \$500 bail satisfy the Police?

Det. Sgt. Carey said that he was inclined to oppose any bail.

Mr. Russ said that the remand was being made to suit the Police, and it seemed to him to be unreasonable for them to oppose bail in what might, after all, be a case of mistaken identity.

His Worship allowed bail in \$1,000.

NO EVIDENCE.

THREE "SAIKUNG" PRISONERS  
RELEASED.

JUDGE'S DIRECTION.

At the conclusion of this morning's hearing of the case against five men charged with complicity in robbery aboard the "Saikung" launch and the murder of an Indian guard, His Lordship addressed the jury.

There was no legal evidence to connect Nos. 2 and 4 prisoners, he said, with having been on the launch at the time although there might be evidence as regarded another offence. The charge against them was one of murder and having regard to the absence of evidence, he directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty in respect of Nos. 2 and 4 prisoners.

The jury found accordingly. Mr. Dyer Ball (Assistant Attorney General) indicated that there was another indictment against the two prisoners in question and asked permission for them to be detained in custody.

This, His Lordship indicated would be done.

A Hillside Arrest.

In the course of the morning, evidence was given by Lam Fut (the twenty-third witness in the case). His evidence was to the effect that the 3rd prisoner came to his shop at Tap Mun Island, near Tai-po, and asked for opium. When prisoner offered to pay he opened an attache case, he had with him and witness noticed that there was a revolver inside.

The following day, continued witness, the 3rd prisoner was seen to enter a house in the neighbourhood; the police arrived, called on him to come out and he refused. Shots were fired in the air and eventually the man came out and surrendered. Later in the evening witness noticed the fourth prisoner hiding in the hills. Witness concealed police in his house and induced the fourth prisoner to enter. The arrest by the police was then made.

The case against the remaining three men is continuing.

WIRELESS SERVICE.

Rugby, Dec. 12.  
On December 24, 25, 26 and 27, the British Official Wireless Service will be discontinued on account of the Christmas Holidays. The service will be resumed at noon on Tuesday, December 28—British Wireless Service.

ed in the interim, it is assumed that the man will be brought before one of the magistrates to answer more

## BISHOP INGRAM.

Arrives Here This  
Morning.

GUEST OF HONOUR.

In the course of his return home from a visit to Korea, the Right Hon. and Right Rev. A. F. Winington-Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, arrived here this morning on board the s.s. "President Lincoln," accompanied by his Chaplain, the Rev. H. C. Thomas and Mr. A. O. Blyth, a personal friend.

They were met on arrival by the Revs. H. Copley Moyle, G. R. Lindsay, and G. T. Waldegrave.



Lieut. A. Q. J. Johnston (A.D.C. to H.E. the Officer Commanding), Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. P. C. Mitchell and Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

Bishop Ingram was taken to Hong Kong in the "Missions to Seamen" launch.

During his nine days' visit here, the Bishop will stay at Headquarters House, China Command. Mr. Blyth is staying with Sir Henry and Lady Follock.

Bishop Ingram was the guest of honour at a tiffin to-day, given by the Hong Kong Club. He was met by the Committee and Chairman of the Club (Mr. R. M. Dyer), the latter presiding over a gathering numbering over 150.

From 4-6 p.m. the Bishop will be present at an "At Home" given to Church workers in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The "China Mail" is requested to announce that any inquiries for His Lordship the Bishop of London should be addressed to the Rev. N. V. Halvard (chaplain to the Bishop of Victoria), at the Bishop's House, by St. Paul's College, telephone No. Central 3,162.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy.

At 11.35 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased considerably at Vladivostok and slightly from S.W. Japan to Hong Kong. It has decreased slightly from Tokyo to Hakodati and from Guam to the Philippines.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning: barometer 30.31; temperature 65; humidity 61; wind N; force 1; weather cloudy.

The "President Lincoln" arrived to-day from San Francisco via Shanghai with a good many passengers disembarking here and others going on to Manila. The latter include:—Mr. Eric Platow, Captain Carl Rydell of the Philippine National School and Mrs. Rydell, Mr. W. H. Patterson (a Manila broker), Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Mackay (an American couple on tour, who will be visiting their son at Hankow), and Mr. Joseph Liehly, foreign manager of the La Salle Extension University of Chicago.

## TODAY'S DOLLAR

The dollar rate at the Bank of China today was 1:1.10.

## TOO SOON YET.

Postponing Philippines  
Independence.

MR. C. THOMPSON'S REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 22.  
Mr. Carmi Thompson, a former United States Treasurer, who spent some months in the Philippines surveying the economic conditions there on behalf of President Coolidge has made a report recommending postponement of the grant of absolute independence to the islands, but the concession of a further measure of autonomy in internal affairs as the situation warrants.

Mr. Thompson also recommends the extension of the Federal Reserve Bank system to the Philippines and the starting of a land bank there to furnish farmers with loans at reasonable rates.

Mr. Thompson says that at present rates of 12 to 30 per cent. are charged.—Reuter.

## ALLEGED THREATS.

"BURN CHILLI UNDER YOUR  
NOSE."

SEPOY'S DEFENCE.

Allegations that threats had been made to induce him to make a statement admitting his guilt were made by defending counsel at the trial this morning of Sepoy Fola Ram, of the 5/2 Punjab Regt., charged with the attempted murder of Subahdar La Khuram, of the same regiment.

Mr. T. Addis, for the defence, put it to an Indian sergeant who had acted as interpreter when the Indian was formally charged after arrest, that "he (witness) had brought pressure to bear on prisoner by telling him that 'you must have done it; I will hit you unless you confess; if you write down what is dictated you won't need to worry; I will burn chilli under your nose unless you confess.'"

Witness denied all these allegations and stated that he had merely translated what Sub-Inspector Andrew had told him to say. This merely included the putting of the formal charge in reply to which the prisoner had made his confession without coercion of any kind.

Witness said that the prisoner had made a verbal confession first but it was no use his (witness) taking this down as, to be of any use, prisoner would have had to sign it. Prisoner and witness wrote different scripts and prisoner would not have understood what he was signing. Prisoner, of his own volition, wrote a statement in Romanised Hindustani.

Blood-stained Hatchet.

Sub-Inspector Andrew gave evidence of going to Whitfield Barracks early in the morning of November 16, the morning of the attack. In D block, No. 2, he was shown a bed which was stained as if with blood. There were similar stains on the wall and floor. Witness was shown a hatchet which was also stained, and to which adhered some red threads. The blanket of the bed was of a red colour. This was washed in two places.

On Nov. 18, continued witness, an identification parade was held and a man named Ram Singh was picked out by a certain witness as one of two men to whom he "had sold a hatchet." Ram Singh was arrested but later in the day, in consequence of information received, he was released and the prisoner arrested at Whitfield Barracks.

No inducements or threats of any kind were held out to prisoner, said witness, at any time. He was taken to the Water Police station and witness questioned him as to whether he knew why he had been taken to the station. Prisoner replied that he did and then witness cautioned him formally to put him on his guard. Prisoner went on to make a verbal statement but witness interrupted him and they then went into the detective office where, prisoner was formally charged and made a written statement.

## CHINA'S FRIEND.

Britain's Generous  
Intentions.

TRIBUTE FROM BELGIUM.

Brussels, Dec. 22.  
British intentions towards China have received a generous tribute from the Minister M. Vandervelde.

Replying to an interpellation regarding Chinese affairs by a Communist deputy in the Chamber of Deputies, M. Vandervelde said that after his visit to Geneva certain facts had occurred tending to show that the Great Powers interested in China have very different policies, but the recent memorandum from the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking in defining Britain's policy testifies to the breadth of view and a conciliatory desire to meet the aspirations of the Chinese people "which cannot be too greatly admired."

M. Vandervelde declared that Britain had appealed to the other Powers for unity, not for the purpose of imposing and maintaining treaties which had seen their day, but in order to revise and adapt them in accordance with the just demands of a people which desires to be treated as an equal sovereign nation.

"I am convinced that Britain's call will not remain unheeded," said M. Vandervelde, and added that Belgium had no political ambitions in China, but only wished to defend her important industrial and commercial interests. Belgium merely asked that she should not be any worse treated than the other Powers.—Reuter.

Foreign Business Suspended.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

A telegram from Hankow, dated Dec. 21, states that several firms with branches at Chengteh (Szechuan) have received telegrams this morning stating that all foreign business there has been suspended owing to a military tax of Tls. 80,000 having been demanded.—Reuter.

A Visit to Chang Tso-lin.

Tientsin, Dec. 22.

Mr. Lamson arrived from Pukow this morning. He visited Chang Tso-lin this afternoon, after which he left for Peking.—Reuter.

Mr. C. W. Rosenstock, president of the Philippine Publishing Co. of Manila, who is well known along the China Coast, is a passenger on the "President Lincoln" which arrived to-day and will leave for Manila.

wounded officer and the prisoner had figured on the hockey field was referred to by Mr. T. S. Whyte, Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor. It was stated that the officer, who was refereed had had occasion to caution the prisoner for rough play. He also threatened to report prisoner to the Commanding Officer.

The Crown Solicitor also stated that when the prisoner's name had come up for promotion as a non-commissioned officer, the wounded officer had had occasion to speak to prisoner on matters relating to his caste. They were comparatively small matters but the prisoner had resented them.

The attack on the officer was made on the night of Nov. 13, a hatchet having been used. In a statement to the police, prisoner denied having made the attack and attempted to implicate a man named Ram Singh whom he stated, had reason to bear animosity against the officer in question.

Major Lynch, R.A.M.C., was called to speak as to the wounds sustained by the officer attacked. Witness stated that the man would have been dead in an hour if he had not received medical attention.

The deposition of the wounded man was read. It was to the effect that the prisoner was in his company on the night in question. He went to bed about 1 a.m. and woke two hours later to find someone attacking him with a hatchet. He had had occasion to speak to prisoner on the hockey field and afterwards in prisoner's quarters. He was made to go before the commanding officer.

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Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1926.

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**AIR WEEK-ENDS.****LONDONERS TO FLY TO SEASIDE.**

Messrs. Stack and Leete, two members of the Royal Aero Club, who have set out in a light aeroplane in an attempt to make a record long distance flight, are held up by bad weather at Lymington aerodrome, Kent.

They deny that they intend to fly to Australia.

"Messrs. Leete and Stack's aerial holiday cruise is an instance of what can be expected from the development of aeroplanes throughout Britain," said a representative of De Havilland's to a representative of "The Sun."

"Both are members of the Lancashire Aero Club and started with only a few spare parts, some tools and a small personal kit, probably for a cruise in North Africa, to get a bit of sunshine. Aeroplaning is becoming as cheap as motoring. Many British business men own their own Moths, and several Londoners motor out to the aerodrome on Saturdays, garage their cars in the hangar, and take out their 'Moth' and spend the week-end in Devon and return on Monday morning."

"Flying to the seaside is more pleasant than motoring and avoids the congestion of the roads."

**FARED MEMOIRS.**

London, December 4.—At the resumed hearing of the Hesketh Pearson case the Prosecution produced a copy of the "American Editor" in which the American publishers inserted a note stating that they had provided for the authenticity of the book.

After the London newspapers had attacked the book, Pearson handed the publishers a statement, alleged to be emanating from the diarist, who declined to disclose his name.

Messrs. John Lane subsequently stopped the cheque for £225 which they had handed to Pearson.

**TROUBLE IN HONDURAS.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the Navy has ordered a warship to La Ceiba, Honduras, in consequence of the American Consul's report that disorders are threatened, likely to endanger the life and property of foreigners.—Reuter's American Service.

**MODERN SINBAD.****PRESIDENT COSGRAVE HONOURED.**

Cambridge University conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on the Maharajah of Burdwan, Mr. Mackenzie King (Canada) and President Cosgrave (Irish Free State).

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**AT THE "STAR."****"THE GREAT DIVIDE" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.**

The cast headed by Conway Temle and Alice Terry, contains also the names of Wallace Beery, Huntly Gordon, ZaSu Pitts, Allan Forrest, George Cooper and William Orlamond.

The story starts in a small New England village and travels from there to the Painted Desert of Arizona. It is a psychological story of a woman's pride and a battle between her conscious mind and her subconscious instincts.

Alice Terry as the girl, Ruth Jordan, gives a performance which is flawless, though it is one of her most difficult roles.

Temle, as the man of the Painted Desert, is a cross between a polished gentleman and a cave-man. A combination which produces a powerful mental and physical feature of great fascination.

Wallace Beery's "Dutch" is touched with his usual individuality and George Cooper as Shorty runs a close second for "heavy" honours.

ZaSu Pitts has the only feminine role beside that of Alice Terry.

Huntly Gordon is seen in a new type role as Philip Jordan, and Allan Forrest has a prominent and "different" role as Dr. Winthrop Newbury, while William Orlamond injects some inimitable comedy in the cast.

**AT THE QUEEN'S.****"THE MAN ON THE BOX" TO-DAY TO SUNDAY.**

This is a picture which will reinforce the reputation of Syd Chaplin, the brother of the great Charlie, who made a screaming success of "Charley's Aunt." The title is derived from the adoption of disguise by a young inventor whose plans are the object of the machinations of foreign spies, he becoming the driver of a cab.

Owing to a misunderstanding, he is also changed by an infuriated husband and has to make his escape in pyjamas. It is hilarious from beginning to end and is a happy choice for the holiday season, playing as it does over the week-end.

With Syd Chaplin in the cast, there are also others who are well known enough to ensure great entertainment. Among these are Alice and Kathleen Calhoun and Helen Costello, daughter of the picture pioneer, Maurice Costello. Warner Brothers have produced it from the novel of Harold McGrath and it proves to be 8,000 feet of sparkling thrilling comedy, so don't miss it.

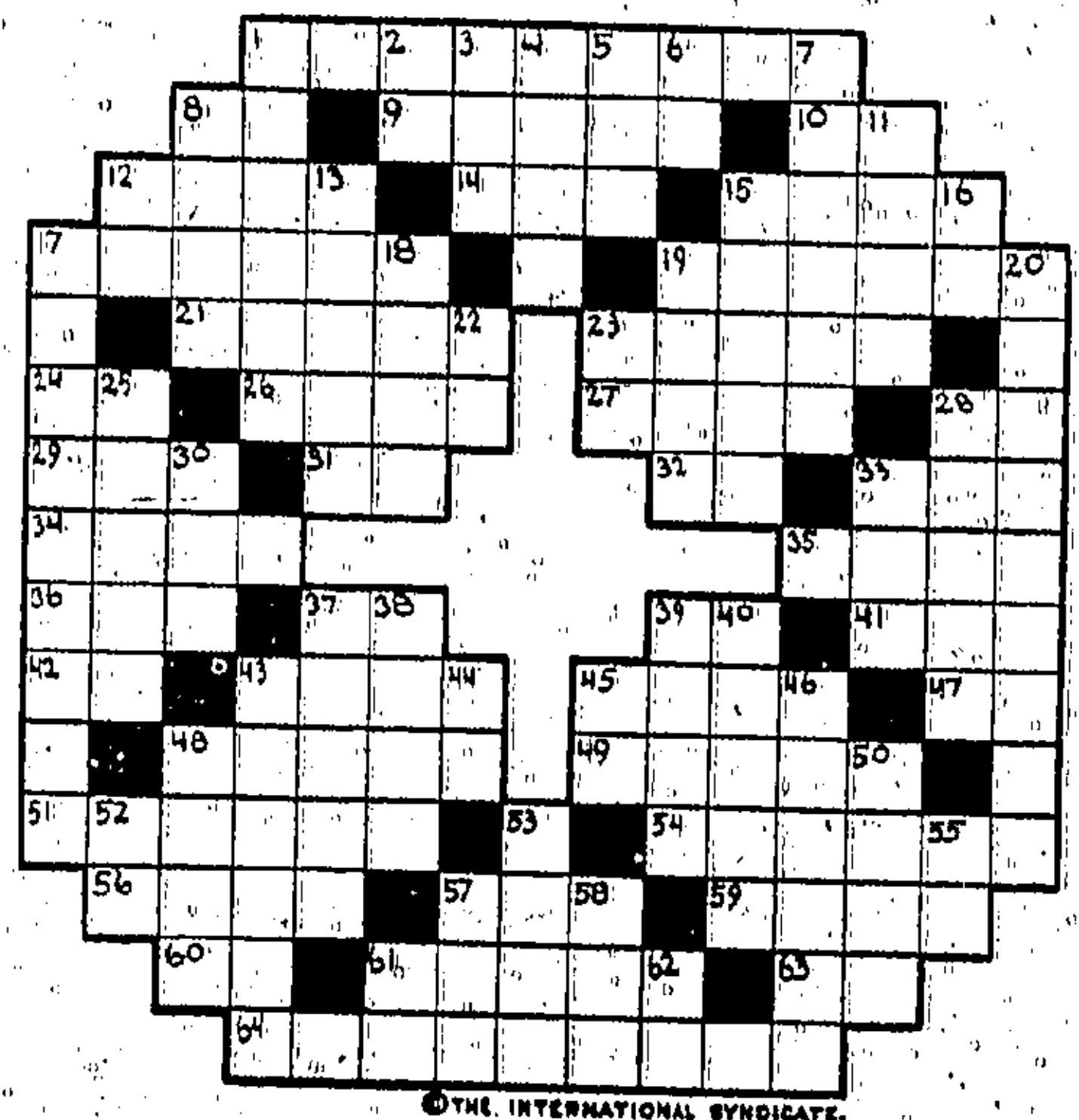
**WORLD THEATRE.****"THE WHITE DESERT" TO-DAY.**

"The White Desert" will go on record as one of the greatest thrill pictures screened here. A railroad company's struggle to tunnel through the Rocky mountains in the face of raging blizzards; a plunging, crashing, roaring avalanche of snow and ice that sweeps away everything before it; fights to a finish; a pursuit along the brink of a precipice; these are some of the episodes that lend movement to this stirring drama. In addition to this, there is a delightful romance running through the entire picture; the love story of a charming, rugged daughter of a railroad president and a self-made, fighting Irishman.

Claire Windsor, as the winsome vivacious Robinette; Pat O'Malley, as the two-fisted, square-shooting Irish lover; Robert Frazer, as the suave and refined rival; have parts that call into play all the ability for which they are so justly famous. And there are the excellent comedians—Snitz Edwards and Dixie Friganza, besides a dozen names that have figured prominently in pictures for years also in the cast.

**OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned, to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



| HORIZONTAL                    | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)                | VERTICAL (Cont.)             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1-A modern invention          | 37-Very                           | 17-Written name              |
| 2-Cesium (abbr.)              | 38-To canonize                    | 18-Depression                |
| 3-Apparition                  | 39-Light lunch                    | 19-Sticky substance          |
| 4-Province of Canada          | 40-Fit to eat                     | 20-Allows                    |
| (abbr.)                       | 41-Cereal                         | 21-A thoroughfare            |
| 5-To unite together           | 42-Brief poems                    | (abbr.)                      |
| 6-Boy                         | 43-Equivalence                    | 22-Foot person (abbr.)       |
| 7-Heavenly body               | 44-The Irish Gaelic language      | 23-Songs for single voice    |
| 8-Planted                     | 45-Suffix forming nouns of agency | 24-Desert green spot         |
| 9-Glitters                    | 46-Eagle's nest                   | 25-Distinguished serv.       |
| 10-Not at all                 | 47-Pure forming sum               | 26-Order (abbr.)             |
| 11-Piece                      | 48-Prepared hurriedly             | 27-Works                     |
| 12-Quintessence (abbr.)       | 49-Back addition to house         | 28-Fruit of pine             |
| 13-Fruit skin                 | 50-Fiddle                         | 29-Agony                     |
| 14-Cadenace                   | 51-Scoutle                        | 30-Conscious                 |
| 15-Upon                       | 52-Division of Bible (abbr.)      | 31-Cavalry sword             |
| 16-Bow slightly               | 53-Allure                         | 32-Division of Bible (abbr.) |
| 17-An army officer (abbr.)    | 54-Cle capital of Normandy        | 33-Point of compass (abbr.)  |
| 18-For instance (Latin-abbr.) | 55-Lucid                          | 34-Vegetable                 |
| 19-Milk (Latin)               | 56-Exit                           | 35-Part of body              |
| 20-In addition                | 57-Satan                          | 36-Suffix. Like              |
| 21-Endure                     | 58-Carpenter's tool (pl.)         | 37-The (Spanish)             |
| 22-Also                       |                                   |                              |
| 23-A large oak (abbr.)        |                                   |                              |
| 24-Keystone State (abbr.)     |                                   |                              |
| 25-Roman number               |                                   |                              |
| 26-Pronoun                    |                                   |                              |
| 27-Aron                       |                                   |                              |
| 28-Carpenter's tool (pl.)     |                                   |                              |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.**

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
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| EAT    | PARRY  |
| AV     | TOP    |
| REC    | SEWER  |
| TRADED | TAKERS |
| NEA    | VIA    |
| SCOWLS | KETTLE |
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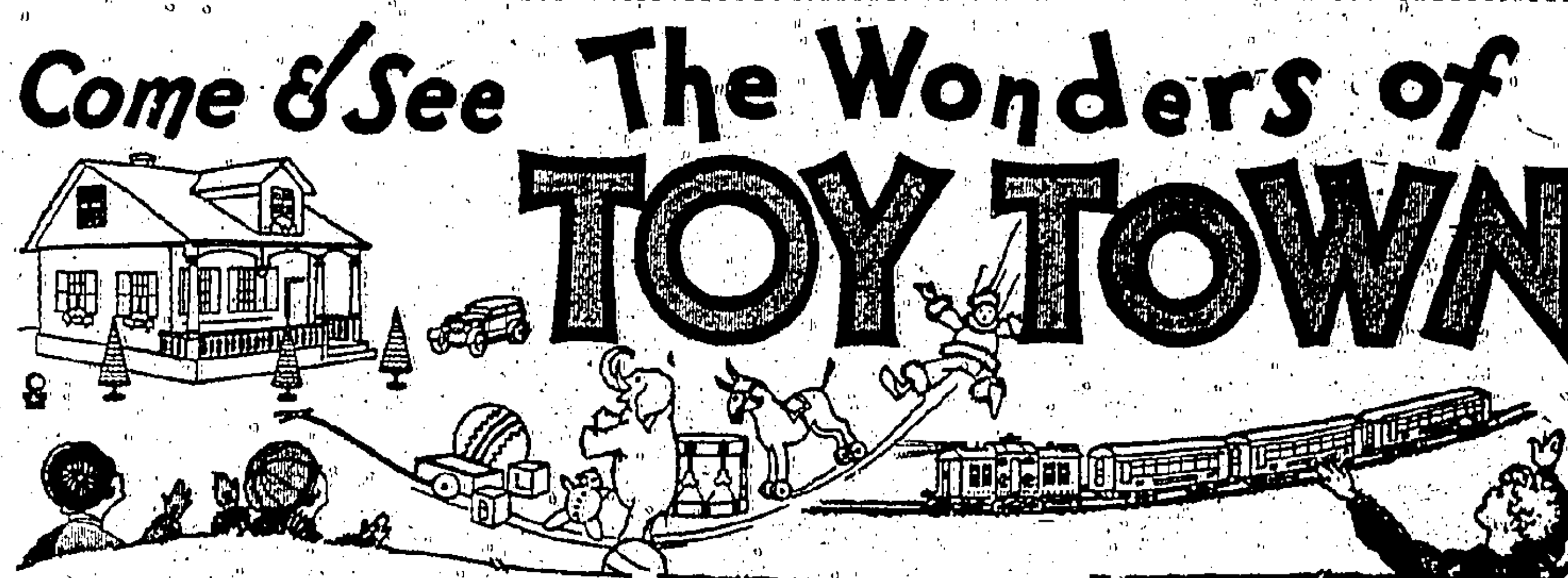
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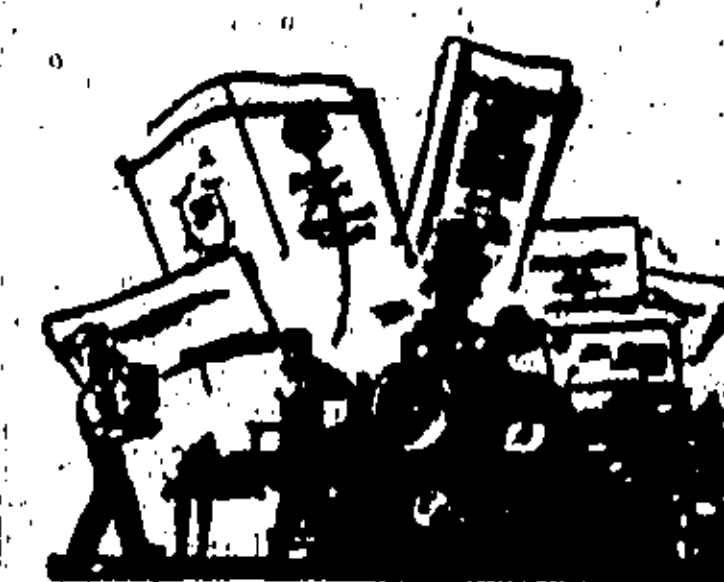
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#### TRAMPS AND CARGOES.

"The Liar, She's a Lady."

It comes as a surprise to many people to learn that there are more ships under 1,000 tons in existence than there are ships over the size (writes "Cabot" in the "Weekly Mail").

Great Atlantic liners of 30,000, 40,000 and 50,000 tons—barely a score of them, all well-known by name—stand at one end of a scale that consists at the other end of thousands of small ships plying their part in the sea carrying trades, from ramshackle little vessels coasting in and out of port in the world, and grimy colliers nosing their way through the seven seas to the bigger ships that bring grain to Europe from Australia and the Plate and North America and carry timber from the White Sea and ore from Spain.

"The liar she's a lady, but if she wasn't made There still would be the cargo boats for 'ome' and foreign trade."

Quite recently there were two full rigged sailing ships moored together for a single night on the Thames, one home from Peru with a cargo of fertilizer and the other bound for Norway with ballast on the morrow.

That is not a common sight nowadays at English ports, but the traditions of the old sailing ships, that have been fortunately unshrined in the verses of Kipling, Massfield, and Miss Fox Smith, are inherited by "tramp" steamers.

#### Losing Ground.

Before the war it used to be estimated that two-thirds of British shipping consisted of "tramps." That proportion would have been altered now. More and more tramp ships are getting their trade taken from them by cargo liners. This is a consequence of the increasing size of ships.

Although there are still many more small ships than big ones, the average size of the ships engaged in distant trades has been developing by leaps and bounds, and more so in British shipping than in foreign shipping.

The difference between cargo liners and tramps is not so much a difference of ships as of trades. A ship may be engaged on a tramp voyage one month and may be put on a liner route the next. That does happen, but naturally liners and tramps have developed individualities of their own.

In the last decade or two, it has become increasingly common to establish regular services of ships, sailing at fixed intervals, on important trade routes; instead of leaving merchants or ship-brokers to charter tramps for their shipments or cargo.

This is following the custom in passenger shipping, and, of course, it is much more convenient for traders to have vessels sailing every fortnight or every month than to have to charter a ship specially for cargo. The ships of the regular lines are known as liners, and are built to carry general cargoes.

#### New Trades and Carriage.

Since the opening of the Panama Canal, or rather since the conclusion of the war, new trades have sprung up between Pacific North America (Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco, etc.) and Europe. These trades were either carried on overland or only conducted in small proportions when ships had to go around Cape Horn to reach the Pacific coast of North America. It is interesting to observe that the regular lines predominate in the new trades now even to a large extent in the carriage of grain which is usually considered to be in the domain of tramps.

For all that, tramps are not likely to be ousted as sailing ships have been ousted. A considerable amount of tramps, tonnage will always be required for the carriage of coal, grain, lumber, seeds, ore, &c.—what are known as bulk cargoes, because they are carried unpacked in large quantities requiring the whole space of a ship. Several of these trades are seasonal and ships are therefore chartered on the freight market as they are required.

For the carriage of expensive commodities, cargo liners have become indispensable and are nowadays built to a standard of efficiency rivaling the smaller passenger

liners. There are no tramps, for example, carrying the expensive cotton exports of Manchester.

For the long voyage between Pacific North America and Europe, five new motorships are under construction of 10,000 tons each, with an intended speed of 14½ knots. Except that the speed of the new vessels is greater than that of any other ships engaged purely in cargo trade, these vessels are typical of the new ships that are being put into the long distance trades.

Tramp ships are not built on the same size or for such a high speed as liners. They are intended to be "maids of all work," and are, accordingly, built to combine all-round service-ability with economy. They may measure anything from 2,000 tons to 5,000 tons, but they are rarely any bigger.

A typical tramp would be a "three island" ship, that is to say, possessing a poop, bridge, and forecastle, the officers' quarters being on the bridge-deck and the crew being quartered in either the forecastle or in the poop.

A ship of, say, 4,000 gross tons, would be able to carry upward of 7,000 tons of cargo, generally at a speed of from eight to ten knots.

Such a ship may carry almost any cargo from anywhere to anywhere, and may not be in England from one year's end to another.

Tramp ships are not good looking. Very often, the funnel rises erect amid ships, sometimes the engines and funnel are built aft as a precaution against fire, and the masts are not there for beauty, but utility.

In describing a typical tramp ship, I have selected what is probably the most common form of cargo-carrier, but there are many variations, and some of the special types of ships are very important.

For carrying coal, a special kind of ship has been evolved that can best be described as a great compartmented biscuit-tin. The hatchways open almost to the full beam of the ship, so as to permit coal to be tipped on board at high speed. Such ships are known as self-trimming vessels, but the title is a little exaggerated, as although much less work is required in trimming the level of coal in loading, a certain amount of trimming is unavoidable.

#### Ugly Ships.

Self-trimming ships are ugly enough, but they are not quite so ugly as the ships designed for carrying ore.

These ships are to be distinguished by the row of cranes surmounting the decks. Iron ore is a most dangerous cargo, as it is so very heavy, and ore ships have, therefore, been designed to load cargo at different levels in the ship so as to obtain a good distribution of weight, while the cranes are there for rapid handling.

The ships that bring meat and fruit to Europe are of a very expensive type. They have to be fitted with refrigerating machinery and insulated holds.

The chilled and frozen meat trade, in particular, has grown to gigantic proportions, and a very large number of ships are occupied. Many of them belong to companies that are associated with the powerful meat producing companies.

In similar fashion, the oil-tanker has been evolved for carrying oil in bulk, and many of them are similarly operated by special companies promoted by the oil companies. Thus, the British Tanker Company operates a fleet of tankers carrying the products of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

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From there, the London Shipping Exchange was formed, and was eventually lodged in South Sea House, where it found itself neighbored with the Baltic Society of Merchants.

The "Baltic" merchants originally imported tallow from Russia, but in the course of time naturally extended their trade in other directions. When the old South Sea House was closed, the London Shipping Exchange and the "Baltic" Society were amalgamated under the title of the Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange, and took possession of the present extensive building a quarter of a century ago.

The "Baltic" is an exchange for both ships and commodities, and, like Lloyds, is not a strictly limited society. There are many members of Lloyds who are also members of the Baltic, either being shipbrokers as well as insurance brokers, or simply having an insurance connection there.

#### How Business is Done.

In the great domed hall, a room that is not equalled by many in London, the traders meet daily in their accustomed places. The talk is of ships in one corner, of grain in another, timber in a third, and oil and seeds in a fourth, and from the free course of exchange, the ruling prices of the day and the business done can be found in the newspapers, such as in the following extracts from the "London Times":—

"On the Baltic Shipping Exchange yesterday, business in tonnage was on a record sale. More than 40 vessels were stated to have been engaged."

"London (The Baltic Exchange): Wheat—the cargo market continued firm, and quotations were 8d. to 6d. higher."

"On the Baltic Exchange linseed was firm for a further 2s. 6d. advance, but inquiry was poor."

Such announcements can be read every morning, and, of course, on them depends a vast amount of business in all corners of the world. For example, Manitoba wheat may be brought, sold, and a ship chartered to carry it from, perhaps, Vancouver to Milan under the one domed roof in London.

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| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | Apr. 20        | Apr. 23   | Apr. 26  | Apr. 29 | May 2    | May 5    | May 8    |
| EMPEROR OF ASIA   | May 11         | May 14    | May 17   | May 20  | May 23   | May 26   | May 29   |
| EMPEROR OF CANADA | June 1         | June 4    | June 7   | June 10 | June 13  | June 16  | June 19  |
| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | June 22        | June 25   | June 28  | July 1  | July 4   | July 7   | July 10  |
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| MURZAPUR  | 9,715  | 25th Dec.                 | Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam |
| NYANZA    | 7,023  | 5th Jan.                  | Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way  |
| MALWA     | 10,041 | 8th Jan.                  | Marseilles, London & Antwerp        |
| KALYAN    | 9,344  | 22nd Jan.                 | Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull  |
| DEVANHA   | 8,255  | 28th Jan.                 | Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way  |
| MOREA     | 10,041 | 5th Feb.                  | Marseilles and London               |
| DELTA     | 9,007  | 18th Feb.                 | Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay     |
| KASHGAR   | 9,007  | 19th Feb.                 | Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull  |
| MELLORE   | 9,007  | 2nd March                 | Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way  |
| MANUVA    | 10,002 | 5th March                 | Marseilles and London               |
| KASHGAR   | 9,007  | 12th March                | Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam |
| NYANZA    | 7,023  | 18th March                | Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay     |
| MONGOLIA  | 10,004 | 19th March                | Marseilles and London               |
| MACEDONIA | 11,120 | 2nd April                 | Marseilles and London               |
| DEVANHA   | 8,255  | 3th April                 | Marseilles, London & Antwerp        |
| KALYAN    | 9,344  | 24th April                | Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way  |
| DELTA     | 9,007  | 27th April                | Marseilles and London               |
| MALWA     | 10,041 | 30th April                | Marseilles, London & Antwerp        |
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| TAKADA  | 7,930  | 31st Dec. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta      |
| TAKADA  | 6,949  | 21st Jan. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta      |
| TILAWA  | 10,000 | 1st Feb.  | Spore, Penang, Colombo & Calcutta |
| TALMA   | 10,000 | 12th Feb. | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta      |

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|            |       |            |                                    |
|------------|-------|------------|------------------------------------|
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500 | 31st Dec.  |                                    |
| ARAPURA    | 6,000 | 28th Jan.  | Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, |
| TANDA      | 6,956 | 4th March  | Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &    |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500 | 18th April | Melbourne.                         |
| ARAPURA    | 6,000 | 29th April |                                    |
| TANDA      | 6,956 | 3rd June   |                                    |

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| ARAPURA    | 6,000  | 4th Jan.   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MOREA      | 10,041 | 7th Jan.   | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe           |
| DEVANHA    | 8,255  | 7th Jan.   | Shanghai & Kobe                 |
| TILAWA     | 10,000 | 12th Jan.  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| NAGPORA    | 5,283  | 19th Jan.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| KASHGAR    | 9,007  | 21st Jan.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| DELTA      | 8,097  | 21st Jan.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| TALMA      | 10,000 | 21st Jan.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| MANUVA     | 10,002 | 4th Feb.   | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| MELLORE    | 9,007  | 5th Feb.   | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| TANDA      | 6,956  | 8th Feb.   | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama    |
| MONGOLIA   | 10,004 | 17th Feb.  | Shanghai & Kobe                 |
| NYANZA     | 7,023  | 18th Feb.  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| MACEDONIA  | 11,120 | 4th March  | Shanghai, Moji and Kobe         |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500  | 8th March  | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama    |
| DEVANHA    | 8,255  | 13th March | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe           |
| KALYAN     | 9,344  | 18th March | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe           |
| MALWA      | 10,041 | 1st April  | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe           |
| DELTA      | 8,097  | 1st April  | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe           |
| ARAPURA    | 6,000  | 5th April  | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama    |

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## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers arrived on the "Tango Maru" at Hong Kong from Yokohama and ports on Dec. 22 were:—

Mr. Alejandro Fong, Mr. Alfred Victor Lyon, Miss Adrianna Carpi, Mr. Charles E. Keom, Miss Conception Carpi, Mr. H. Hino, Mr. Jorge Koo, Mrs. Maria Carpi, Mr. R. Mein Paton, Mr. Fernando Quiroga, Mr. Jusu Diaz, Mr. Manuel Chantts, Mr. L. Ayer.

Passenger who arrived at Hong Kong on the "President Jefferson" from Shanghai and ports on Dec. 22 included:—Mr. W. Beoh, Mrs. Chey Shee, Mr. C. W. Choy, Mrs. J. R. Fredericks, Mrs. C. M. Fung, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grieg, Mr. J. R. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wah-tong, Mr. V. Kugler, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hon-chai, Mr. and Mrs. Li Poon-kwan, Mr. and Mrs. Louey Yim-sum, Mr. Lung Kee-chin, Mr. L. Chan-hom, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lynch, Miss A. Moran, Mr. W. Murata, Mr. Quock Poy, Mr. Chas. Rossetti, Mr. H. Sulzer, Mr. Y. S. Tong.

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from San Francisco, Honolulu and Shanghai on the s.s. "President Lincoln" on Dec. 23 were:—

Mr. C. Akana, Mr. O. A. Blyth, Miss B. Brown, Miss D. Ellison, Mr. R. A. Felton, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Helde, Mr. T. T. Helde, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hornby, Mr. A. F. W. Ingram, Mr. M. Jo. Mr. D. Lattimer, Mr. A. Liyi, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parker, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. Tern Sam-pak, Mr. H. C. Thomas and Mr. F. L. Waterhouse.

## DEPARTURES.

Passengers who left Hong Kong for Manila on the Dollar Line "President Jefferson" on Dec. 22 included:—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Baker and Miss Helen Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bryan, Mr. B. S. Black, Mrs. Nadezhda I. Cooper, Mrs. M. F. Dee, Mr. Charles Ferrier, Mr. L. Gieland, Mr. R. R. Hancock, Mrs. W. F. L. Hartigan, Mr. I. M. Haslett, Mr. O. E. Lautzenheiser, Mr. R. G. McLeod, Mr. B. H. Lydon, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. and Miss A. McCallie, Miss M. R. Moore, Mr. M. R. Nicholson, Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Postinkoff, Judge Burton Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pope, Viscount B. De Rouge, Mr. T. E. Sammam, Mrs. L. F. Wensell, Mr. W. M. Weldon, Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, Miss C. Mapa, Mrs. I. De Acuna, Miss K. M. Anderson, Miss M. B. Hall, Mr. I. H. Evans, Sister Bogaris, Sister Dietiens, Mr. Juan Nahpil, Mr. Jose Escaler, Mr. M. C. de Ugario, Mr. L. del Casielcy Utor, Mr. M. Gonzales, Mr. Luis Echegoyen, Mrs. S. Echegoyen, Mrs. B. Fernandez, Miss L. Echegoyen, Miss C. Echegoyen, Mr. A. Alonia, Mr. Kung Jen-chun, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montargis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldsmith, Mr. Behar, Mr. Bangzon, Mr. Chan Yick-wah, Mr. and Mrs. Del Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. Ishikawa, Rev. Father P. Giraldos, Rev. Father E. Artaraz, Mr. Ong Kim, Mr. Ong Fang-guan, Mr. Chin Sing-kiw, Mr. George R. Kelly, Mr. Jas. A. Brown, Mr. John Dutko, Mr. John Romskey, Mr. John C. Ingles, Mr. H. P. Beeher, Mr. R. Frankenberg, Mr. Andre Duppe.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong for Australia via Ports on the s.s. "Tango Maru" on Dec. 23 were:—

Mrs. W. H. Benson, Prof. Taylor, Miss P. Bentley, Mr. Chamber, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Chamber, Miss L. Ayer, Prof. and Mrs. H. A. Woodruff, Mrs. S. F. Hinder, Mrs. D. Selwood, Mr. E. Hyndman, Mr. E. Stempell, Mr. J. Vilnits, Mr. E. Molcas and Mr. J. H. Laverty.

## ARMS CONFISCATED.

An application was granted yesterday for the confiscation of four revolvers and 550 rounds of ammunition, found by Sergeant Barnicle on the s.s. "President Jefferson", Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, the Kowloon Magistrate, made the requisite order.

It is expected that one of the first achievements of the N.D.L. will be a notable increase in its fleet, for the company is known to be negotiating with large German shipyards for the early construction of a Transatlantic liner. Already, in fact, the N.D.L. has contracted for a 12,000-ton vessel with the Tecklenburg Co., of Bremerhaven.

## ROYAL GEMS.

## GOING FROM RUSSIAN TO AMERICA.

## CHANCE OF A CROWN.

Some American women soon will have the chance to wear the crown of Catherine the Great of Russia—if she wants it and can afford it.

This famous ornament and others of the collection of Russian crown jewels are on the way to New York, having been purchased from the Soviet Government by Norman C. Weiss, diamond merchant of New York and London. The price paid for the crown has not been made public.

The nuptial crown, as it is described to distinguish it from the great imperial coronation crown used by all the Russian sovereigns since Catherine's time, which is valued at \$52,000,000, was worn by Russia's guest and most beautiful empress when she married Peter III in 1745. It contains 1520 diamonds and is surmounted by a superb cross of huge jewels.

Unique among the items purchased by Mr. Weiss, however, is a baby's rattle of solid gold and ivory, which was used by the late czar in his babyhood. This imperial toy is valued at \$5,000.

Another article of exceptional historical interest is a diamond-studded three-edged sword, which belonged to Paul I, the "mad monarch," who was assassinated in 1801. The hilt of the sword is a massive affair of silver, set with 1,000 diamonds of the first water and ancient cutting.

A gold and diamond snuffbox, used by Empress Elizabeth, daughter of Peter the Great, is done in Louis XV style and contains 2,000 diamonds. This regal gem is covered with diamonds encased in gold on blood-coloured jasper. It is valued at \$15,000.

All these gems are soon to be placed on the American market.

The Soviet Government still has more than \$200,000,000 worth of imperial jewels which it intends to turn into cash for plows, machinery, locomotives and other practical needs.

## LOW NECKS.

## URGED AT HOME FOR MEN TOO.

## PRINCE MIGHT LEAD.

"Pneumonia blouses are all nonsense. A girl never caught any complaint through wearing low-necked clothing," said Professor Leonard Hill lecturing before the Institute of Hygiene.

He went on, "Low necks harden a girl and help her to resist disease. Short skirts and silk stockings are also beneficial, especially artificial silk, which allow the ultra-violet rays to penetrate the skin, resulting in sunburning."

"Women's success in swimming the Channel," he said, "could be partly attributed to their training, as they could endure more cold than men, who were over-coddled."

"Men should discard collars and adopt open necks and knickerbockers or running shorts. The Prince of Wales could start the fashion by appearing in a shirt open at the neck."

## A BRIGHT MIND.

## CHAMPAGNE SMUGGLED IN HAMS.

Something extraordinarily appropriate seems to evolve in connection with one of the discoveries of the American Revenue officers when, according to Reuters, they found champagne being smuggled into the country from Antwerp in the interior of hams. The bright mind that evolved this method of smuggling may quite probably have been a humorist, for epicures insist that a bottled ham ought to be flavoured by at least a quart of champagne. We do not know what Mrs. Beaton has to say on the subject, but there was one gentleman formerly in Shanghai (says the local "Daily News"), who loved cold ham, and after he had boiled it for four hours would let it go off the boil and then add the champagne. Doubtless an equally alert brain at the American end of the story knew quite as much about the relation of ham to champagne as did the Antwerp gentleman, and in any case he probably pondered over the requirements of America in respect of imported hams at a time when America is able to export to other countries quite a considerable amount of bacon herself. The pig is undoubtedly a useful animal; after this latest raid of the U.S. Revenue Officers, his uses seem almost unlimited.

## "DULCY."

SUCCESSFUL COMEDY IN SHANGHAI.

## AUDIENCE DELIGHTED.

"Dulcy," a comedy by the American Women's Club (Dramatic Department), drew a good house at the Lyceum Theatre, Shanghai, on Dec. 9—the opening night. The players are entitled to considerable praise for their efforts, as the play moved freely and well, and delighted the audience from start to finish, says the "Mercury."

"Dulcy" is by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly. The following is the cast:—  
Daleineu ..... Mrs. S. C. Kingsbury  
Gordon Smith, her husband ..... Mr. Geo. A. Fitch  
William Parker, her brother ..... Mr. Walter J. Kelly  
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## MAN-TRAP FOR HUSBAND.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—Walter Walker, an expert electrician, had a wife and four children, but loved the wife of Herbert Kennison, and with the consent of Mrs. Kennison, he installed a zinc plate in the kitchen floor and connected it with a high voltage wire, so that on a certain night, when Kennison returned home from lodge and turned on the light he would be killed.

Mrs. Kennison talked about the arrangement, however, and Walker was captured at the moment he had completed the contrivance.

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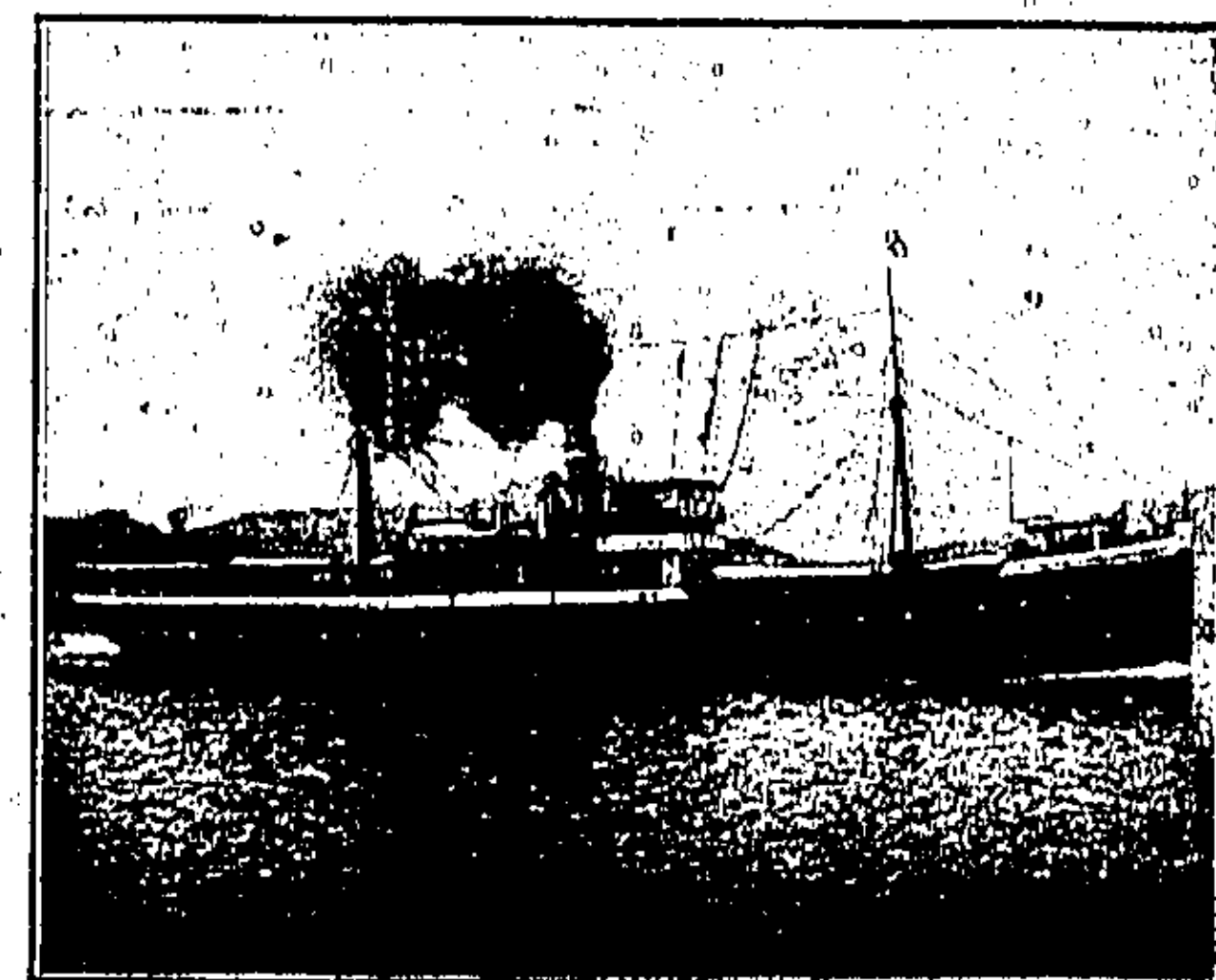
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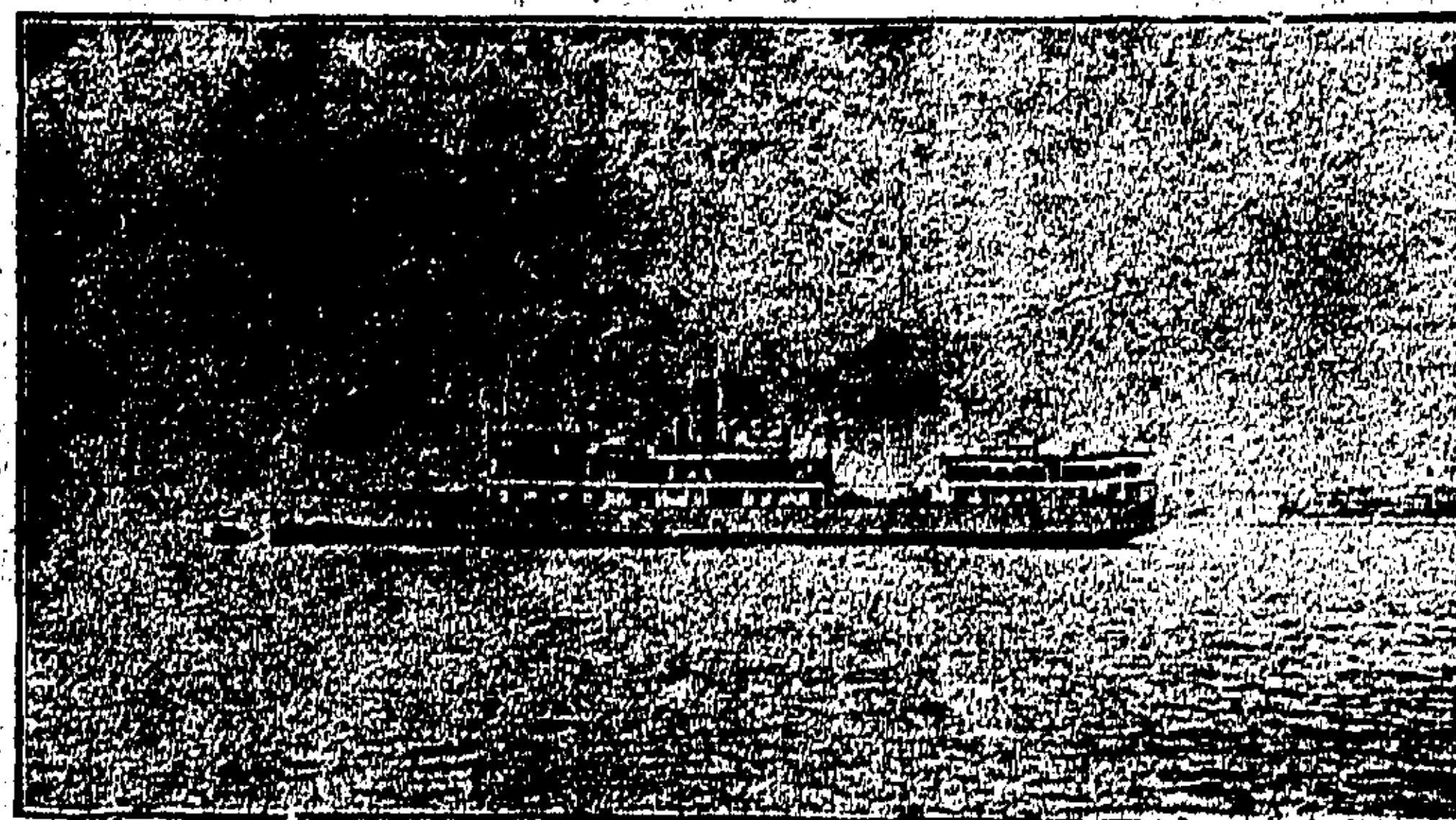
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## "CONCILIATION"

In a recent speech in the House of Lords on the position in China great emphasis was laid by Lord Parmoor on the need to promote conciliation. This world has been worked to death by publicists and politicians at home. Conciliation implies in the first place an error—or something worse—on the part of British policy; and that something is required to atone for and retrieve such an error. But our avowed enemies—the Bolsheviks—may search the records of British relations in China for an error of judgment or for a wilful blunder. They will seek in vain. British policy and British dealings in China, naturally and collectively, have ever been correct according to the highest standards of diplomacy. There has been nothing to call for conciliation. Furthermore, as Lord Balfour asked in the course of his reply to Lord Parmoor, "whom are we going to conciliate?" The country has been, and still is, dismembered. Warring factions and rival war lords exist everywhere. Assuming that a policy of conciliation is called for in regard to one faction, it would instantly be construed as hostility to the many other factions. All that the British can reasonably do is to adhere to their traditional spirit of fair play, seeking no intervention, yet insisting on the proper protection of British subjects and British property. Given the opportunity, the British may even treat with

any local authority sufficiently strong to ensure its dictates being carried out, leaving the larger question of diplomatic recognition to take care of itself. The problem is one that no single Power can solve alone.

## The Bishop of London.

During its comparatively short life as an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, the Colony of Hong Kong has been afforded opportunities for welcoming to its shores not a few distinguished sons of the Empire. The present King, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught have each visited this outpost of Empire, whilst Kitchener of Khartum and "Chinese" Gordon are but two of the many distinguished Empire-builders who, from time to time, have honoured successive Governors with a visit. Turning to the Church, the register of St. John's Cathedral will disclose the signatures of many distinguished prelates of the Anglican hierarchy who, during the past three quarters of a century, have officiated at the Cathedral church of this diocese. It does not, however, include the name of an ecclesiastic more eminent than that of the Rt. Hon. and Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, who, for the past quarter of a century, has presided over the see of London and who, after a tour of the Dominion of Canada and a visit to Japan and Korea, arrived in the Colony this morning. Twenty-five years ago Dr. Ingram was enthroned Bishop of London. It is a brief time in the history of a bishopric which had its challenges and uncertain beginnings sixteen centuries ago, but it is certainly a decisive period in the life of one man. At no point in the church's far-flung fighting front does the tide of battle beat more fiercely or more unendingly than at the hub of the Commonwealth. It is the Ypres Salient of English Christianity. From her standard-bearer the church requires the faith that thinks only in terms of victory, the large sympathy that sees equals in duke and dock, and the gay courage that delights in risks for righteousness' sake. These Dr. Ingram gave and gives. That he has had many critics is proof of his combative Christianity. Perhaps the only criticism of the twentieth century crusader that Dr. Ingram has yielded not an inch. His Lordship may be assured of a great welcome in Hong Kong.

Mr. William S. Lamb, expert representative of the Dodge Brothers Motor Co. and Graham Brothers Motor Truck Co. arrived in the Colony yesterday on the "Frederick" and he is bound for

Calcutta with Mr. Lamb.

## XMAS MATINEE.

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"ON ZEPHYR'S WINGS."

Notable Success at Theatre Royal.

This is the kind of entertainment at which, especially at this time of the year, everyone, both audience and performers, are in the happiest of moods. Fathers, mothers, uncles and aunts, together with a host of friends of the young players, constituted a "house" which was far larger than many professional or amateur entertainments have attracted during recent months.

The first part of the programme, an old English phantasy, "On Zephyr's Wings," was, of course, not new to Hong Kong audiences; the delightful little terpsichorean show having been presented in the form of a pastoral play in the grounds of Government House at the recent Ministering Children's League at fresco-fete. It must, however, be said at once that the entertainment as presented at the Theatre Royal was a distinct improvement. No doubt the environment was responsible for a good deal of this—the staging and lighting effects were really excellent—but there was a very noticeable improvement in the technique of the artists—one is inclined to emphasise this more particularly in respect of the younger members of the cast.

Miss Birkett and Mrs. Miles made an admirable Prince and Princess. Mrs. Miles' interpretation was both dignified and charming, whilst Miss Birkett's Princess was quite a beautiful little picture in itself. I do not know whether this artist was responsible for her own costumes, but they were certainly selected with admirable taste, and suited her really bewitching manner beyond description.

Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Todd and Miss Stewart supported the Princess in a manner worthy of the best traditions of light opera, whilst Mrs. Scovill, Miss Scott and Miss Mitchell, as the Prince's friends, did all that could be wished for in the several ensembles and the two charming little vocal quartettes with Miss Birkett.

A phantasy such as this is, of course, well supplied with a number of immortals, and Mrs. Chater, the capable producer, has mustered a splendid cast. Mrs. Ratsey, as the evil fairy, Miss Capell—who, of course, is responsible for arranging all the dancing—as the Chief Sprite, and little Joan Berry, Daphne Bird and Elinor Hegarty as three Cupids, danced their way into the hearts of one and all.

The ballet was composed of the following:—

Fire Sprites:—E. Rose, P. Capell, B. Walker, B. Hance, Meyer, M. Matthews, R. Wong.

Gnomes:—Micky Gibson, Pam Miles, Jean Mitchell, Helen Lindell, Alfine Purves, Phyllis Grose, Margaret Tod, Joan Leath.

The second part of the programme was devoted to a number of items, the outstanding feature of which was the dancing by Miss Capell's pupils.

A number of old Christmas fairy stories were admirably rendered, several of our older and more experienced amateurs joining in with the youngsters in providing a really first class entertainment.

A series of shadow pictures, also produced by Mrs. Chater, was quite a pleasing number, and special mention must be made of Eng. Lieut. Bedells' performance as the long-legged scissor man in the "Story of a Silly Boy."

Those who did not see this highly entertaining and seasonable show last evening, should not fail to do so to-day.

The cast was as follows:—

Part I.—On Zephyr's Wings:—Moral: The Queen, Mrs. Hole; The Princess Gracieuse (her daughter), Miss Birkett; The Lady Babbler, Miss Stewart; The Lady Gignon, Mrs. Aubrey; The Lady Yvonne, Mrs. Tod (Ladies in Waiting to the Princess); Alidor (a Prince among shepherds) Mrs. Miles; Florian, Mrs. Scovill; Iphis, Miss Scott; Riquel, Miss Mitchell (Alidor's friends). Fairies: "Mordicant" (An Evil Fairy and Goddess of Fire), Mrs. Ratsey; "Zeus" (The leader of her Sprites), Miss V. Capell; "Zephyr" (The god of the West Wind), Mrs. Mitchell; "Cupid", Joan Berry; Two more Cupids, Daphne Bird and Elinor Hegarty. Fire Sprites: E. Rose, P. Capell, B. Walker, B. Hance, Meyer, M. Matthews, R. Wong. Gnomes: Micky Gibson, Pam Miles, Jean Mitchell, Helen Lindell, Alfine Purves, Phyllis Grose, Margaret Tod, Joan Leath.

Part II.—Christmas in Toyland (arranged by Miss V. Capell and performed by her pupils). Clowns: T. Wilcock and J. Donald; Fairy Dolls: E. Oliver and F. Hance; Polka Dancers: Kawan, P. Robinson; Green Major, J. Berry; Policeman,

## THEFT CHARGE.

PEDDER STREET SHOP INCIDENT.

POLICE COURT RESULT.

The case in which two Chinese, arrested on December 14 at Messrs. Sennet Freres' jewellery store in Pedder Street, were charged with the attempted theft of a number of gold watches, was concluded at the Central Magistrate yesterday afternoon, before the 2nd Magistrate, Mr. J. W. Schofield.

Det. Sgt. Meadows prosecuted on behalf of the Police, and both the accused pleaded "not guilty."

Outlining the case for the Police, Sgt. Meadows said that at 11.30 a.m. on December 14, three men entered Messrs. Sennet Freres' shop and asked to see some watches. Mr. Leon Weill, an assistant, proceeded to show the customers a number of watches and was in the act of getting some others from a showcase when he noticed one of the men put his handkerchief over one of the watches and slip both handkerchief and watch up his sleeve. Mr. Weill sent a man for the police, in the meanwhile keeping the three men engaged in conversation. One of the three apparently suspected trouble and managed to get away before the Police arrived. This led to Mr. Weill and a Chinese assistant getting hold of the men. When the Police arrived, the first defendant refused to be searched, afterwards throwing three watches across the counter. A fourth watch, which did not form part of the charge, was found under a stand near where the 2nd defendant had been standing.

Mr. Leon Weill called to the witness-box, corroborated the evidence of the Police.

In reply to the Magistrate, the 1st accused said that he had no intention to steal. He was feeling in his pocket for some money. The 2nd accused said that he knew nothing about the matter at all. He was merely in the shop at the time.

His Worship found the 2nd accused "not guilty" and ordered his discharge.

Sgt. Meadows informed his Worship that the 1st accused was a returned banished, having been banished from the Colony eighteen months ago.

His Worship sentenced the man to nine months' imprisonment for returning from banishment and to three months' for the attempted larceny of the watches, both with hard labour, the sentences to run consecutively.

## DUTCH INDIES OIL.

The Hague, Dec. 22.

During a Second Chamber debate on the Dutch Indies Budget, the Colonial Minister declared that the Dutch Government would co-operate to the utmost in the exploitation of oil-bearing land still undeveloped in the Dutch Indies.—Reuter.

## STILL MORE COAL.

London, Dec. 22.

It is officially announced that the output of the British coalfields for the week ended December 11 was 4,467,000 tons by 886,000 workers.—Reuter.

E. Ferguson; Fairy Doll, P. Tod; Shadow Pictures (arranged by Mrs. Chater): (a) Fidgety Philip (The Story of a Naughty Boy); (b) Philip, Joan Berry; Mama, Mrs. Russell Brown; Papa, Eng. Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.A.; (c) To a Miniature (A Song Picture); The Miniature, Mrs. Hole; Her Courtiers, Mrs. Miles and Miss Scott; Soloist, Mr. Hopkins; (d) Suck a Thumb (The Story of a Silly Boy); Conrad, Joan Berry; Mama, Mrs. Russell Brown; The long legged scissor man, Eng. Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.A.; (e) Poor Pierrot (a Story in Dance by Miss V. Capell); Columbine, Helen Ho; Pierrot, Barbara Walker; Harlequin, Phyllis Capell. A Song and Dance Medley (arranged by Mrs. Russell Brown): (a) "Come Ladies and Lads"; (b) Nonsense Rhymes (by Ed. Lear); (c) The Toy Drum Major; (d) Nursery Rhymes of London Town (a Petticoat Lane, (b) Whitechapel, (c) Mayfair, (d) Hampstead Heath, (e) Chapside); Soloists: Mrs. Russell Brown and Mr. Green; Dancers: Madames Aubrey, Bellamy, Mitchell, Charles Scovill and Tod, the Misses Mitchell, Shaw and Birkett. The Drum Major, Captain Steele; At the Piano, Mrs. F. C. Hall. Christmas Eve (in an English house): The Host, Mr. Bullock; The Hostess, Mrs. F. Hall; The Carol Singers: Madames Russell Brown, Scovill, Bellamy and Costen; the Messieurs: Green, Howell, Fairbank and Eng. Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.A.

## PEKING "JUSTICE."

Arrest of a German's Attorney.

MILITARY ARROGANCE.

High Court Treated With Contempt.

Peking, Dec. 14. The most daring assault upon the administration of justice which the Northern military authorities have yet attempted has just come to light, and is the more surprising in view of the scathing summary in Part III of the Extra-Territoriality Report which was so recently published here.

Illegal arrests, detentions, and executions are common here, but never before have the militarists attempted to intimidate the administration of justice in the civil or criminal courts by the arrest, without warrants, of attorneys engaged in cases. This has just happened in Peking, and now petitions and appeals for protection have been sent to the Weichiao Pu, and to the Ministry of Justice (in a Cabinet which has not met since it resigned 18 days ago). The Peking Bar Association is also taking a hand.

Moreover, since a German citizen is involved, the German Legation has been appealed to it being represented that so long as attorneys are dealt with in this fashion the German (who is now in prison) will be unable to get legal representation or to have his case tried.

The whole affair revolves around the case of Hans Bahke, a German, who was arrested about 15 months ago on charges of fraud in connection with a big deal in arms and munitions. The sum involved in the fraud charge is a little more than \$200,000, and Mr. Bahke's property and cash in banks has all been attached—a total more than sufficient to satisfy the complainants if they win their case.

Bahke, meanwhile, has been kept in prison for more than 14 months, without bail being permitted.

One phase of the case was up for hearing in the High Court very early this month, and one of Bahke's two Chinese attorneys, Mr. Chen Fu-tung, made an argument before the judge. During his argument he made some statement of a general nature about the trade in arms and munitions which offended the local military authorities.

On the evening of December 4 Mr. Chen Fu-tung was seized at his home by military police, and was taken to a military prison. No warrant was ever sworn out, and no complaint was ever filed. The High Court and the civilian police knew nothing of the move. Mr. Chen was held in prison for eight days, and released at noon on the 12th inst.

Bahke's other Chinese attorney, Mr. Chen Ching-pan, now refuses to move in the case without official assurances from such civil authority as exists here that he, too, will not be subject to imprisonment for statements made in court.

## JESUIT FATHERS.

ARRIVE FOR LOCAL COLLEGE.

The "Religiao e Patria," reporting the arrival of the two Irish Jesuits, Revd. Fathers George Byrne and John Neary, recalls that the late Bishop D. Pozzoni received three years ago from a Catholic residing in Hong Kong a donation of \$10,000 upon the following conditions:—

- (1) The College to have a Portuguese name and to be called "Colégio da Immaculada Conceição."
- (2) The College have one or two Portuguese teachers.
- (3) The College have a journalistic class in order to enable the most advanced students to write to Portuguese and English papers, in reply to any correspondence or article which may appear against our holy religion.

## FRONTIER CLASH.

Bucharest, Dec. 16.

An attempt of Bolshevik Russians to send a boat-load of arms and ammunition across the Danigster river near Tighina resulted in a dash between Roumanian frontier guards and the Soviet party.

A sharp exchange of fire took place and the Russians, under cover of a heavy mist and protected by machine gun fire, escaped. There were some casualties on the Roumanian side. The matter will be placed in the hands of a Russo-Roumanian mixed commission for investigation.



## LOCAL DIRECTORS.

## MR. J. M. ALVES ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

## CHINA LIGHT MEETING.

Mr. J. M. Alves, who has been interested in local public companies, spoke to-day on the responsibility of directors and gave it as his opinion that the designation of "consulting committee," as contrasted with "board of directors," was obsolete.

This occurred at the 8th annual meeting (for the year ended Sept. 30, 1926) of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., held in the offices of the general managers (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.) at St. George's Building.

Mr. G. Shewan (presiding) reported decreased gross revenue as compared with the preceding year and outlined steps to reform the system of supplying the public.

## The Attendance.

Supporting Mr. Shewan were: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. H. P. White (members of the Consulting Committee) and Mr. Noel Braga (secretary). Shareholders present comprised: Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. D. W. Munton, Mr. J. P. Donithorne (works manager), Mr. A. A. Botelho, Mr. F. J. Tavares, Mr. J. S. Toppin, Mr. O. Kitchell, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. A. L. Shields, Captain R. D. Thomas, Captain C. E. Riggs and Mr. Lo Chung-wan.

The convening notice and the auditors' report were read by the secretary.

## YEAR REVIEWED.

Chairman's Speech: Deposits From Customers.

The Chairman's speech was as follows:

The net amount, including \$152,479.07 brought forward from last year, available for distribution is \$356,181.40, which we recommend be appropriated as follows:—

To put to credit of Reserve for Special Renewals, Repairs, and Charge of Voltage . . . \$110,000.00  
To write off value of Crown Leases . . . 1,710.00  
To pay a dividend of 8 per cent. on 400,000 old shares . . . 160,000.00  
To pay a dividend of 8 per cent. on 15 cents per share, on 199,350 new shares . . . 31,895.00  
To carry forward to next year's account . . . 52,875.40  
\$356,181.40

The Working Account figures show a gross profit of \$406,639.41, against last year's gross profit of \$521,626.00, a decrease of \$114,986.59, or about 22 1/2 per cent. The decrease in the revenue is due to lower consumption of electricity in Kowloon arising out of the unsettled state of affairs in South China.

## Works Costs Increased.

Our power load has greatly diminished, principally owing to reduced consumption by our largest customers, but I am pleased to say the lighting load has been maintained, and there is every indication of this load steadily increasing. Our works costs have naturally increased with the lower output.

As will be seen from the statement of accounts, there has been heavy expenditure on Capital account, due to the building of two sub-stations with the necessary switchgear equipments, new generator switchboard, four large power transformers, extensions to power station, offices and staff quarters, and cable duct line at Lok Un station.

## Raising the Pressure.

Work on the underground mains, service connections and Yamat sub-station equipment was somewhat curtailed during the year. Several new underground mains were laid in three districts to replace overhead lines involving an expenditure of approximately \$36,000.

We have, up to date, laid underground mains to the value written down of \$625,500. The present low tension distribution entails the laying of heavy and costly cables owing to the low voltage, and in order to reduce the future cost we applied to the Government in April last year for permission to raise the pressure of our supply to 350 volts for power purposes and 200 volts for lighting, which was duly granted us in October of this year.

## Conversion Expenditure.

The change to the higher pressure is absolutely necessary owing to the increased demand on our system. The conversion to the higher pressure will cost the Company approximately \$300,000, spread over a period of 5 to 6 years; but in spite of the heavy outlay the change will involve, there will be an eventual saving to the company, inasmuch as the existing cables will carry more power and considerably lower the

cost of laying further mains when the demand on the system exceeds its present carrying capacity.

In addition to this, we estimate our capital expenditure for the current year for plant and equipment for sub-stations and for supplying the Kowloon Docks, the Peninsula Hotel and other customers, at about \$250,000.

## Show-Room Decision.

The question of continuing the showroom is having our serious attention, but as conditions are showing signs of improvement, we think it would be advisable to wait a little longer before coming to a decision.

I regret that we cannot recommend a higher dividend than eight per cent., but considering the great falling off in the demand owing to circumstances beyond our control, we are glad we are able to pay as much as that. For the present year our prospects are good, as our sales for October, November and December show a considerable increase.

Before moving the adoption of the Report, there was just one or two other matters I wish to touch upon.

## To Chinese Friends.

You will notice that the accounts are stated in a more extended form than previously, and will, we hope, give you a clearer grasp of the financial position of the company.

It has come to our knowledge that an idea prevails that this company only asks deposits on doubtful accounts from Chinese customers. This is quite incorrect. When there is any doubt we require guarantees from the would-be customer no matter what his nationality may be. If our Chinese friends have any such idea, I beg they will disabuse themselves of it, as it is emphatically not the case.

## New Articles.

With regard to interest on pre-paid calls, this will be made up to December 31, and will be paid to shareholders immediately after that date.

Our present Articles of Association, although not very old, are still not quite equal to present-day requirements, and we are preparing new Articles which are now in the printers' hands and will be laid before you for approval in due course.

I think I have now, Gentlemen, given you all the information I can of interest and importance to you, but before I move the adoption of the Report I shall be pleased to answer any question you may wish to put.

No question was put, Sir Robert Ho Tung seconded the chairman's motion and the resolution was carried unanimously.

## LEGAL DEFINITION.

Consulting Committee and Directors.

Mr. J. M. Alves then said:—

"I have listened with much interest to that part of your speech suggesting the substitution of a board of directors to assist the general managers to direct the affairs of this company instead of an obsolete consulting committee. To my mind, I think the days of such an anomaly as a consulting committee should be over in this Colony, as members of such committee should know that according to the local Companies Ordinances, 'Director' means any person occupying the position of director by whatever name called and includes a general manager, and any person on a consulting or advisory committee."

## Change Appreciated.

"This may not be known to an ordinary shareholder, who under the delusion would tend to put all the blame of any gross negligence on the general manager and exonerate the consulting committee, despite the fact that they draw just as much fees as directors of other companies with a board of directors."

"Members of consulting committee are perhaps inclined to transfer responsibility to directors when trouble arises, whereas, for anything connected with the company, of course, this is as it should be."

"With these remarks I wish to compliment you, Mr. Chairman, on the decision of the change as announced in your speech, which I hope to see materialised as soon as possible."

Mr. Shewan replied that he was very much obliged to Mr. Alves for his remarks.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—  
Consulting committee: confirmation of Sir Robert Ho Tung's appointment (to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, a member from the beginning of the company) and the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. Lee Hysan for the current year—proposed by Mr. Alves and seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell, carried unanimously.

Auditors: Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis for the current year at a fee

## THE PROPER AGE.

## WHEN CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL.

## VICTORIA "OPEN DAY."

What is the proper age for children to start school?

This question, which must at some time or other engage the attention of parents was answered by Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Education Department, at the Victoria British School to-day when parents and friends gathered in large numbers for the "open day and sale of work," which was held in place of the annual prize distribution, it having been decided to dispense with trophies this year.

Mr. Ralphs spoke on the advisability of sending children to school at the age of four and five years. What he had seen this morning had shown the good results of nice teaching. Accordingly, he suggested that parents and others present should let their friends know.

## Concert &amp; Sale of Work.

Thanks were also tendered by Mr. Ralphs to the staff for the excellent concert provided. Although the highest class in the school is VII and all the pupils are kiddies, they one and all acquitted themselves well, thereby paying a high tribute to the painstaking and sympathetic efforts of the teachers.

The sale of work—the proceeds of which go towards purchasing books for the library—went splendidly. All but a few articles were sold, thus exceeding the expectations of the sponsors, but the success was thoroughly deserved.

First of all Mrs. Clark read her report. Then the Royal Drawing Society's certificates were presented as follows:—  
Preparatory certificate, Marie Clarke, Mary Taylor, Douglas Taylor, Douglas McKay (all with honours) and Sydney Fowler (passed).

Afterwards came the concert and the sale of work.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report for the school year 1926, as presented by Mrs. E. M. Clark, headmistress, was:—

The attendance during the year has been satisfactory. Dr. Minett visited the school several times and reported "general health—good."  
H.E. the Governor visited the school on January 26 with the Director of Education. Among visitors to the School during the year were Mr. L. Forster and a party of University students.

Miss Hendry proceeded on long leave in July. Mrs. Watt joined the staff in October.

The work generally has been satisfactory throughout the year. Five pupils sat for the Royal Drawing Society's examination; four gained honours and one passed.

Scholarship Winner.  
Douglas Taylor is awarded the Government Free Scholarship for Class 7.

There were several Open Days during the year when parents visited the School and saw exhibitions of the children's work.

We are holding to-day a sale of articles made by the children and staff during the winter term; the proceeds will go to defray cost of material and provide books for the library.

I wish to thank Miss Hendry, Mrs. Watt and Miss Stuart for their able and loyal support, and to thank you all for your attendance here to-day.

## THE PROGRAMME.

The concert programme is given below. Each item was nicely presented and earned deserved applause.

Dance.—Cockadoodle doo, classes 7, 8, 9 and 10.  
Song.—The old woman, classes 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Recitation.—A birdie with a yellow bill, by Billy Pryde.  
Song.—The Pirates, by Stella Stevenson, Robbie Glen, Eric Stone, Billy Gegg, Henry Bunje.

Dance.—The Creel Dance, by Mary Taylor, Jean Clark, Alec Macfarlane, Douglas Taylor.  
Song.—Dear little Robin, by class 10.

Recitation.—When I was down beside the sea, by Mary Joy Parsons.  
An old French dance—by Stella Stevenson and Henry Bunje.

Carols.—Good King Wenceslaus, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, by the whole school.

of \$1,280 each per annum—proposed by Mr. A. Stevenson and seconded by Captain Thomas, carried unanimously.

Dividend warrants are now ready.

## TO-DAY AT STAR.

## DICK-NORTON'S GLOBE TROTTERS.

## AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

Following their highly successful season at the Queen's Theatre, the "Globe-trotters,"—Dick Norton's popular vaudeville company—open at the Star Theatre, this afternoon.

The "China Mail" was among the first to congratulate the management of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. upon introducing first-class vaudeville into the film programme at the Queen's Theatre, and patrons of the Kowloon house may be assured of a capital entertainment during the next few days.

Dick Norton and his happy band of talented artists are firm favourites on the other side of the harbour, and it may be predicted that full houses will be the order of the day.

"Dick" himself is a comedian who always attracts large houses. His charming wife, Miss Lella Forbes, back from a holiday in New Zealand, is as full of life as ever, whilst Leo Brooker and Billie Conway, showed us while at the Queen's that they are one of the cleverest duettists to have been seen here for many years. Their early Victorian song-scene at the Queen's last week-end was a perfect picture of song, dance and colour.

All will be glad to hear that Dimitry Dimoff, that clever Russian musician, with his balalaika, continues with the Company. Music lovers will look forward to hearing his interpretation of Liszt's "Rhapsody," Geller's "Picicato" and other classics. One hopes that he will include his selection from "Carmen" with which he scored heavily last week.

Mention should be made of "Bucky" Morris' accompaniment. Mr. Norton was indeed wise in including such a talented pianist in his company. The short programme which is being presented will not allow Mr. Morris to give a solo turn, but his perfect control of the entertainment nevertheless calls for special comment. Miss Gladys Cathie and Miss Eileen Cassella complete the company.

The "China Mail" understands that, although the programme to be produced at the Star will be one entirely new to Hong Kong, opportunity will be taken to-morrow evening to introduce an old number—"Presents"—in which handsome gifts are thrown to the audience during the course of the song.

What could be more appropriate when we are in the height of the "gift season?"

## FEWER ON THE DOLE.

Rugby, Dec. 22.  
A decrease of over 95,000 in the number of persons registered as unemployed is disclosed in this week's Labour Ministry return.

During the mining stoppage the miners were excluded from unemployment benefits, which are not extended to those out of work owing to a trade dispute.

This disqualification no longer applies to a considerable number of miners, who have not yet resumed work, but in certain cases the trade dispute disqualification still excludes from registration miners who are out of work—British Wireless Service.



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## LIENSHING VERDICT.

## SECOND OFFICER FOUND TO BLAME.

## MASTER EXONERATED.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

The naval court of inquiry into the loss of the "Lienshing" has suspended for twelve months the first officer's certificate of the second officer, Mr. McCabe who was in charge at the time of the disaster, meanwhile granting him a second officer's certificate.

Captain Simpson was exonerated from all blame. The court held that the second officer was guilty of negligence in taking the wrong bearings and not reporting to the master the alteration of the course.

The court noted that the Amherst rock was a most distinct danger to navigation and suggested that further recommendations be made to the maritime customs with a view to having it lighted. They paid a tribute to the seamanlike conduct of the master and officers, and to the Chinese crew after the ship had struck the rock.—Reuter.

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

December 23.—Queen's Theatre: "The Man On The Box."  
December 23.—World Theatre: "The White Desert."

December 23.—Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."  
December 23.—Isako's Circus at Kowloon, Chatham Road, 9.15 p.m.

December 23.—Fairy Play and Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinee, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

December 23.—Annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force, at the City Hall, 9 p.m.

December 23.—Ship's Company of H.M.S. "Vindictive" give concert at Royal Naval Canteen Theatre, 8.45 p.m.

December 24.—Chief and Petty officers of the Royal Navy, China Squadron, hold annual dinner and ball, City Hall, 8.15 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
January 26.—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

## Meetings.

December 23.—Meeting at City Hall, to welcome His Lordship the Bishop of London.

January 3.—China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., meeting at St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 2.30 p.m.

January 7.—Extraordinary meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.15 p.m.

## Miscellaneous.

December 23.—Christmas Carols service and Organ Recital at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 8 p.m.  
December 23.—Annual dinner of members of Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong, at Hong Kong Hotel.

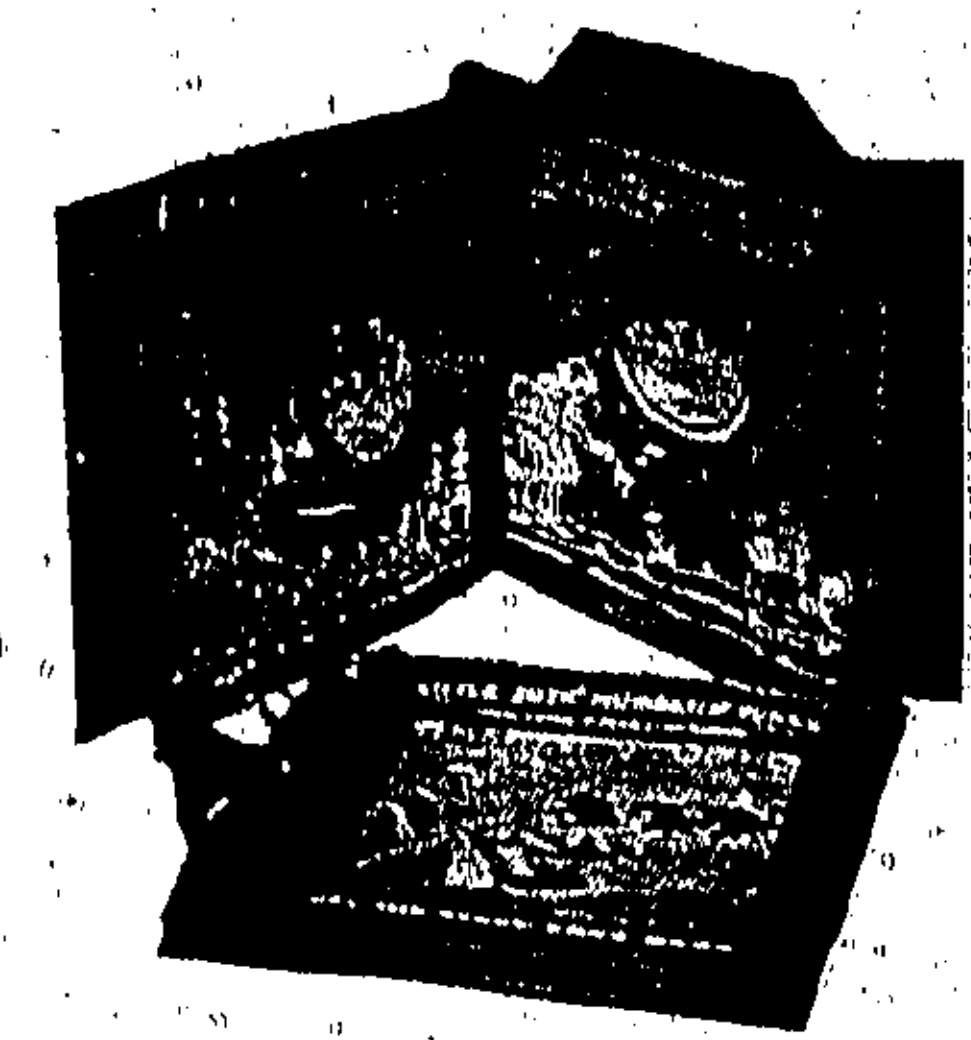
January 11.—Congregation for the conferring of degrees at the University of Hong Kong.

Bishop and Mrs. W. F. Oldham, en route to Manila passed through Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Jefferson." Bishop Oldham is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 qt. Gullenart Champagne                       | 2 qts. Tawny Dry Port            |
| 1 pt. D.O.M.                                    | 2 qts. St. Julien Claret         |
| 1 qt. Burgundy                                  | 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin |
| 1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy                      | 1 qt. Vio de Pasto Sherry        |
| 2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky | 1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters       |

## No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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| 1 qt. Burgundy   | 1 qt. Edmand's XXX Brandy        |
| 1 pt. Peppermint G.F.                                  | 1 qt. Amontillado Sherry         |
| 1 pt. D.O.M.   | 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin |
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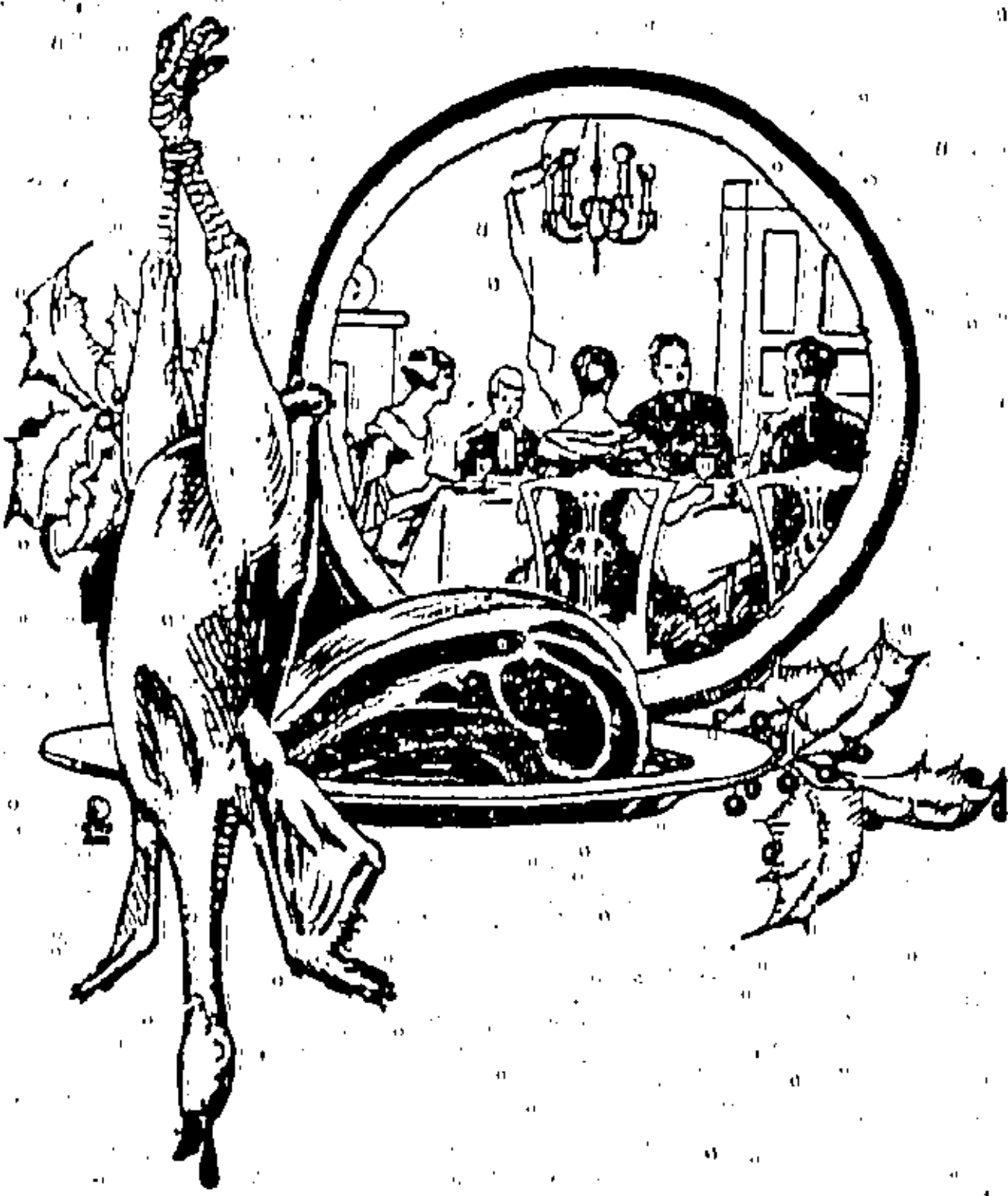
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co.  
are opening business premises at  
Medan.

The Colony had a clean bill of  
health on Wednesday, no case of  
notifiable disease occurring during  
the 24 hours.

Fong Ding-yu, a steamer pas-  
senger on the "President Lincoln"  
from San Francisco, died at sea  
while the ship was between Shang-  
hai and Hong Kong.

The monthly meeting of the com-  
mittee of the Hong Kong Chinese  
General Chamber of Commerce is to  
be held at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. M. J. B. Montargis (the  
local exchange broker) and Mrs.  
Montargis were passengers from  
Hong Kong on the "President  
Jefferson" yesterday, bound for  
Manila.

A handsome wall calendar by  
the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.,  
has been received by the "China  
Mail." In pretty colours, it  
illustrates the world-wide oil fuel  
bunkering service of the A.P.C.  
and is very stoutly got up.

A charming view of Colombo  
sentient by moonlight em-  
bellishes the calendar for 1927  
issued by Lipton Limited, the  
tea planters, for whom Messrs.  
A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd. are  
the sole agents in Hong Kong.

A short circuit caused a  
small outbreak of fire in a Chi-  
nese garage at Queen's Road  
Central yesterday evening at  
about seven o'clock. The fire  
was extinguished by the Fire  
Brigade and there was no  
damage done to property.

Andre Dupre, the professional  
boxer who has appeared before  
Hong Kong "fans" and ex-  
cellent lightweight champion of  
France, sailed on the "President  
Jefferson" yesterday for Manila  
where he is to fulfil a contract  
for three contests. Mr. Behan  
was also among the passengers  
from Hong Kong.

Dutch planters have establish-  
ed a school and hotel at Brastagi.

For carrying eighteen full-  
grown fowls in one small basket, a  
Chinese was fined \$5 by Mr. R. E.  
Lindsell at the Central Magistracy  
this morning.

Charged by the Naval Yard  
Police with loitering in the Dock-  
yard, a Chinese was fined \$10 or 14  
days' hard labour by Mr. R. E.  
Lindsell at the Central Magistracy  
this morning.

The report of Mr. Tong Shao-  
yi's return to Shanghai is pre-  
mature. The veteran Cantonese  
statesman has not yet returned, but  
he is expected in the near future.

St. Andrew's Church, Kow-  
loon will welcome gifts of flowers  
and greenery for Christmas de-  
corations, to be delivered at the  
Church at 10 a.m. to-morrow.  
Laidlaw's are also requested  
to assist.

No. 201, Queen's Road, West,  
was sold at the China Auction  
Rooms yesterday afternoon, the  
selling price being over \$20,000  
more than the opening bid. Mr.  
Fong Pok-ngam, of No. 141, Caine  
Road, was the purchaser for  
\$31,000.

On Tuesday afternoon at  
Tai Po Police Court, before Major  
C. Wilson and the district officer,  
North, a Chinese was charged  
with being in possession of an  
automatic pistol and 15 rounds  
of ammunition, and also a re-  
volver with 5 rounds of ammu-  
nition. He was sentenced to 2  
years' hard labour.

American Consular personnel  
changes include the following:  
Mr. Howard Bucknell Jr., and Mr.  
Maxwell Hamilton, Consuls at-  
tached to the American Consulate  
General at Shanghai, have been  
promoted from Foreign Service  
Officers of Class 8 to Foreign Ser-  
vice Officers of Class 7. The re-  
signation of Vice Consul G. W.  
Strong has been accepted and he  
has returned to the United States.  
Mr. T. B. Clark and Mr. J.  
Thomas Hodgins, of the staff of  
the Consulate General, have been  
appointed Vice Consuls.

There will be Holy Com-  
munion at the Peak Church on  
Christmas Day at 8 a.m.—Adv.

Mr. H. C. Shrubsole, manager  
of the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss  
Condensed Milk Co., went to  
Manila yesterday on the "Presi-  
dent Jefferson."

The German A.D.C. is pre-  
sented to the Shanghai public  
the well-known Christmas pan-  
tomime "Cinderella" at the  
Lyceum Theatre.

Missionaries arriving here  
yesterday on the s.s. "President  
Jefferson" included Dr. and Mrs.  
H. D. McCallie, who are on their  
way to the Philippine Islands.

Accompanied by his family,  
Mr. I. F. Baker, Director of the  
Westinghouse Electric Co. of  
Tokyo, was a visitor in Hong  
Kong this week. He is en route to  
Manila on the "President Jeffers-  
on."

Viscount B. de Rouge, Judge  
John Barton Payne (President of  
the American Red Cross Society),  
Mr. and Mrs. Pope and Col. H. J.  
Furber were through passengers  
on the "President Jefferson"  
which left yesterday for Manila.

The case in which an Indian is  
being held in Police custody fol-  
lowing telegraphic instructions  
from the Lahore Police, was again  
mentioned in the Central Magis-  
tracy this morning, when the defen-  
dant was again remanded on the  
application of Sgt. Elston, who in-  
formed Mr. R. E. Lindsell that the  
Police had not yet received further  
information from India.

The "North China Daily News"  
understands from a reliable source  
that the head office of the Commer-  
cial Press, Ltd., the well-known  
Chinese publishing house, will soon  
be moved into the Settlement, offices  
having been secured in Kowloon  
Road. The reason for this action  
is, the Shanghai paper is told,  
to avoid the possibility of seizures by  
the Southern troops in the event of  
their arrival at Shanghai. All of-  
ficial records will be removed. The  
editorial and printing offices will re-  
main in Shanghai.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Reminder: last performance  
at Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m. to-  
day, Christmas Revels and Fairy  
Play, in aid of the Ministering  
Children's League and the Seg-  
men's Institute.

Following a vacation spent in  
the United States, Mr. R. G.  
McLeod, Division Superintendent  
of the Bureau of Education in the  
Philippine Islands, passed through  
on the Dollar Lines steamship  
"President Jefferson."

"Smiling" Charley Fertier, a  
widely-known business man from  
San Francisco, and who has made  
many trips to the Far East, where  
he has a wide acquaintance, ar-  
rived in Hong Kong on the "Pre-  
sident Jefferson" and left yester-  
day for Manila.

Completely equipped for hunt-  
ing the tiger in his lair in Indo-  
China, Mr. L. J. Matty and son,  
passed through Hong Kong on an  
extensive big game hunt in the  
vicinity of Saigon and other  
points. They were on the "Pre-  
sident Jefferson."

Devotees of dancing will have  
a good many functions to choose  
from in the two days before  
Christmas. At the City Hall to-  
night will be the annual ball of  
the Police. The Chief Petty  
Officers and Petty Officers of the  
China Squadron are holding a big  
dance at the same place to-  
morrow night. There will be the  
customary tea dances at the Hong  
Kong Hotel to-day and to-morrow  
at 4.30 p.m. and at the King Ed-  
ward Hotel to-morrow at the  
same hour. At the Repulse Bay  
Hotel, the Christmas Eve dance  
will be from 8.30 p.m. to 12 mid-  
night.

The career of Sir Henry Jones, of  
Tasmania, whose death was recent-  
ly announced, belongs to the  
romance of business. He started  
work at the age of 9 in a jam fac-  
tory at Hobart, of which he became  
the owner, and extended the busi-  
ness all over the world. He also  
built up the large trade in every  
vessel available. Sir Henry opened  
up markets for Tasmanian timber  
in South Africa, India, and China,  
and eventually he controlled some  
dozen saw mills. He took contracts  
for building wharves and piers and  
owned ships, was one of the first to  
begin dredging for tin in the East  
at Tongkah Harbour (Puket  
Sham), and later in the F.M.S.

Mr. Ralph A. Faffor, sales promo-  
tion manager of the Standard Oil  
Co. of New York, arrived in Hong  
Kong to-day on the "President Lin-  
coln" from San Francisco, via ports.

Mr. F. L. Waterhouse, of the  
Chartered Bank of India, Australia  
and China at Singapore, is in Hong  
Kong to-day bound for Singapore on  
the "President Lincoln," after mak-  
ing a trip around the world.

A Trade Commissioner of the  
United States in Mr. J. B. Fitz-  
gerald is in Hong Kong to-day, on  
board the "President Lincoln,"  
bound for Manila. He will go on  
to Bombay.

After going through post-  
graduate courses in England, and  
Jenna, Dr. S. N. Chau (Chau Sek-  
nin) M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong),  
D.O.M.S., D.L.O., has returned to  
the Colony and started practice at  
No. 50, Queen's Road Central. He  
is the third son of Mr. Chau Cheuk-  
fan, a nephew of the late Hon. Mr.  
Chau Siu-ki and a cousin of Mr.  
T. N. Chau, the local barrister. Dr.  
Chau spent three years in eye and  
nose, ear and throat specialist  
courses. He was clinical assistant  
to the Royal London Ophthalmic  
Hospital and the Central London  
Nose, Ear and Throat Hospital.

### KOWLOON WEDDING.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon,  
was the scene of a pretty wedding  
on Tuesday afternoon, when Mr.  
Oswald Fox, Chief Officer of the  
s.s. "Taming," (China Navigation  
Company), son of Capt. and Mrs.  
W. Fox, of Rose Lea, Castleton,  
Isle of Man, was married to Miss  
Constance Mary Sorby, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Sorby, of Croft  
Villa, Darlington, England.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay officiat-  
ed.

The bride, who was given away  
by Mr. Richard Geater, of the  
China Navigation Company, was  
attired in a rose beige georgette  
lace dress and carried a bouquet  
of bronze chrysanthemums.

Miss Margaret Dovey, the  
bridesmaid, wore a blue crepe de  
chine dress and carried a bouquet  
of roses.

Mrs. Dovey was matron of hon-  
our.

The best man was Mr. Leslie St.  
John Raie, of the China Naviga-  
tion Company.

A reception was held later in  
the day at the residence of Mr.  
and Mrs. Hargreaves, of 4  
Chatham Road, Kowloon.

The honeymoon is being spent  
at Shanghai.

Mr. C. R. Rossett, secretary  
of the Hong Kong Amusements,  
Ltd., returned to the Colony yes-  
terday on the "President Jeffers-  
on" from Shanghai.

Mr. J. R. George, who succeeded  
Mr. J. Argyle Robertson as agent  
of the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China, Kuala Lumpur,  
will not be returning to Malaya, as  
he is shortly proceeding to Hong  
Kong to take charge of the branch  
of the Bank in this Colony.

Prince Chichibu was seen off  
from Waterloo station in London  
by a large gathering of the  
Japanese colony, states a British  
wireless message. Earl Cromer  
was present representing the  
King, and Sir William Tyrrell  
represented the Foreign Secre-  
tary.

Mrs. Anne Tiffany, wife of the  
New York jeweller, who lost a  
\$5,000 diamond and pearl  
brooch at the Russian Ball held  
recently at the Majestic Hotel,  
has had it returned to her by  
one of the Hotel boys who found  
it while sweeping up the follow-  
ing morning. He was rewarded  
with \$100 for his honesty.

A Reuter cable from London  
states that the Australian Prime  
Minister, Mr. S. M. Bruce has de-  
parted homeward, being seen off  
at Waterloo by a crowd of officials  
and friends, including Mr. Amery.  
Prince Chichibu, who is returning  
to Japan owing to the Emperor's ill-  
ness, travelled by the same train.  
Both are passengers by the "Majes-  
tic" for New York, en route respec-  
tively to Australia and Japan.

Miss Eileen Broadberry, the 15-  
year old daughter of Mr. E.  
Broadberry of Messrs. William  
Powell & Co., Ltd. (who is better  
known as Mr. "Frank Hayter"),  
has joined Dick Norton's "Globe  
Trotters" and has taken part in  
some of the performances at the  
Queen's Theatre. Miss Broad-  
berry is already quite an experi-  
enced performer as she has trav-  
elled in India and the East as a  
trapeze and bareback rider. She  
is proceeding with the Company  
later to England, via India,  
where the show will be brought  
up to date before returning to the  
East next year. Mr. Norton al-  
ready speaks very highly of Miss  
Broadberry, praising her gener-  
ously for the hard work she did  
in recent rehearsals, prior to Dick  
bringing off the Jack Hylton  
stunt.

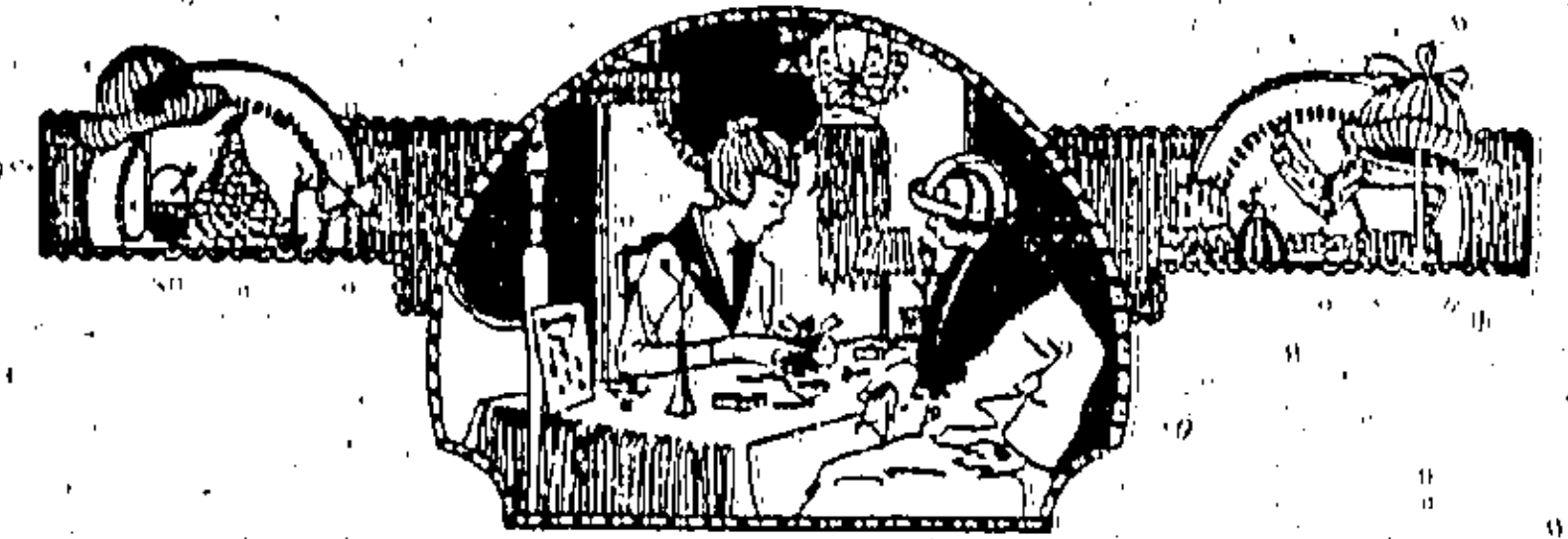
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## SPORTS SECTION

## SQUASH RACQUETS.

## AMATEUR FINAL AT BATH CLUB.

## HOLDER DEFEATED.

London, Dec. 22.  
At Bath Club, in the final of the amateur squash racquets championship, Captain J. Tomkinson beat Captain V. Cazalet (the holder) by 9-5, 9-7, 7-9, 9-6.—Reuter.

Army Squash Racquets.  
London, Dec. 4.  
At Princes' Club the Army squash racquets final, Lt. Scott Chad, of the 1st Coldstream Guards (the holder) beat Captain C. Christie of the Royal Artillery, 9-3, 9-2, 9-3.

## CAMBRIDGE WIN.

## ANNUAL LOCAL VARSITY CRICKET.

After being twice in danger of defeat, Cambridge defeated Oxford yesterday in the annual cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday, between the Hong Kong Societies of the two Universities.

It was decided to bat 12-a-side, with 11 fielding.  
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mr. H. R. B. Hancock (President of the H.K.C.C.) acted as umpires.  
The Light Blues lost 6 wickets for 32 runs but Pendered came to their rescue with 47. Of the 11 wickets, Beatty took 8, all clean bowled. His deliveries swung in from the off and broke as well and he bowled very well.

When the Debutante came.  
Wood made 52 for the Dark Blues in sterling fashion, hitting hard and without giving a chance. Hamilton and Sturges were the opening bowlers for Cambridge but Pendered came on at the end and took 4 wickets for 9 runs—the Light Blues (who also won last year) thereby winning a fine match by 13 runs.

The cricket was bright and full of interesting incidents. Oxford's fielding was good for a scratch side but Cambridge dropped fewer chances.

From the scores it will be seen that the losers had got into the nineties with only 3 wickets down. Pendered came on at this stage and brought about the debacle.

Scores:—

Cambridge.

J. H. B. Nhill (Emmanuel),

1 b.w., b Sayer ..... 13

Wei Wing-lok (Kings), c Evans,

b Sayer ..... 3

Lt. G. Sturges (Trinity), b

Beatty ..... 1

H. J. Wallington (Downing), b

Harris ..... 21

Lt. C. S. Abel-Smith (Trinity), b

Beatty ..... 3

E. W. Hamilton (Sidney-Sussex),

b Beatty ..... 0

Lt. N. G. Carnon-Williams (G. &

Calus), b Beatty ..... 5

T. D. E. Pendered (G. & Calus),

b Beatty ..... 47

R. E. Lindsell (Kings), b Beatty

47 ..... 4

Lt. G. F. Renwick (Pembroke), b

Beatty ..... 2

F. H. J. Traves (G. & Calus), not

out ..... 13

F. Syme Thomson (Clare), b

Beatty ..... 4

Extras ..... 17

Total ..... 138

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Beatty ..... 14 1 37 8

Sayer ..... 11 0 55 2

Harris ..... 2 0 24 1

Fall of wickets:—1 for 17, 2 for

21, 3 for 29, 4 for 32, 5 for 32, 6

for 48, 7 for 62, 8 for 101, 9 for 109,

10 for 126, 11 for 133.

Oxford.

B. R. Foster (Queen's), b

Sturges ..... 1

A. B. Wood (Univ.), b Pendered

52 ..... 52

Rev. W. T. Featherstone

(Wadham), c Sturges, b

Hamilton ..... 1

G. R. Sayer (Queen's), b Sturges

22 ..... 22

B. C. K. Hawkins (Hertford), c

and b Wallington ..... 14

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern

(Corpus), c Carnon-Williams,

b Pendered ..... 0

N. L. Smith (Queen's), c Hamilton,

b Pendered ..... 0

Lt. Cdr. Beatty, (St. Edmund's

Hall), c Sturges, b Pendered

0 ..... 0

E. I. Wynne-Jones (Jesus), b

Hamilton ..... 0

P. Harris (Exeter), run out

7 ..... 7

Rev. N. Evans (Queen's) not out

7 ..... 7

Rev. G. H. Hewitt (Kebble), c

Pendered, b Hamilton ..... 0

Extras ..... 16

Total ..... 120

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Hamilton ..... 8 2 26 2

Sturges ..... 3 0 27 1

Wallington ..... 3 0 27 1

Pendered ..... 4 1 9 4

Fall of wickets:—1 for 8, 2 for

20, 3 for 66, 4 for 99, 5 for 99, 6

for 99, 7 for 102, 8 for 102, 9 for

102, 10 for 115, 11 for 120.

## HOME RUGGER.

## LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

## PRINCIPAL MATCHES.

London, Dec. 4.

Results of rugby union matches

played to-day are as follow:—

Bath 10, Plymouth 8.

Blackheath 42, Mosley 5.

Bristol 12, Newport 7.

Gloucester 11, United Service

Portsmouth 7.

Guy's Hospital 3, Richmond 5.

Harlequins 5, Leicester 3.

London Scottish 16, Birkenhead

Park 8.

London Welsh 16, Alleynians 8.

Merchant Taylors 33, United Ser-

vices Chatham 3.

Rosslyn Park 16, Old Blues 6.

Cross Keys 9, Swansea 3.

Royal High School 5, Edinburgh

Academicals 13.

Edinburgh Institute 0, Edinburgh

University 6.

Glasgow University 9, Edinburgh

University 16.

Melrose 16, Stewartonians 6.

Cardiff 15, Neath 11.

Coventry 27, Rugby 8.

County Championship.

London, Dec. 4.

In the rugby county champion-

ship, Cumberland beat Yorkshire

by 17 points to 6 at Workington.

Varsity Races.

CAMBRIDGE VISIT TO

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.

It is announced that Cambridge

University will be represented at

the Pennsylvania University

relay races to be held on April 27.

The Cambridge team will be

captained by the hurdler, Lord

Burghley. — Reuter's American

Service.

Lord Burghley, the crack

hurdler and this season's

President of the Light Blues

athletic club.

By 5 goals to 3, "Whites" beat

"Colours" yesterday in the third

trial match for the Interport soccer

against Shanghai.

The winners started two men

short and the other side only had

ten men on the field at the begin-

ning (one short).

The scorers were:—for the

Whites, Linaker (Club) 3, Ip Kau

(Chinese Athletic) and Howard

(Club) from a penalty; for the

Colours, Orr (Kowloon), Wang (St.

Joseph's) and Cornwall (Police).

The following will represent

the Volunteers in a cricket match

on Boxing Day (Dec. 27) at 10.30

a.m. against the Club de Recreio

on the latter's ground at King's

Park:—H. C. Burgess (captain),

J. A. H. Plummer, H. C. Standage,

C. P. Lammer, J. A. Summers,

G. D. Wales, A. A. Dan, E. G.

Renton, H. J. Armstrong, D. E. G.

Nicholson, C. T. Evans.

The following will represent

the University against the Hong

Kong Hockey Club "A" on Friday,

at 4.45 p.m., on King's Park

ground, Kowloon:—Y. C. Teh

(captain), H. W. Ma, A. Salliman,

G. S. Scully, K. T. Loke, C. K.

Ony, B. N. Sudan, C. W. Lam,

A. Aziz, P. C. Lim, T. F. Wu.

## SIM SHIELD.

## HOCKEY CLUB LOSE TO NAVY.

Hong Kong Hockey Club seriously prejudiced their chances of regaining the Sim Shield when they lost to the Royal Navy at the U.S.R.C. ground at Kowloon yesterday by 2 goals to nil.

Both sides played good hockey with slightly weakened elevens.

In the first half the Club kept their opponents out but the attack of the Royal Navy succeeded after the change of ends, Fleet (the international forward) and Ling scoring.

The present positions are:—

Royal Navy, played 4, won 2,

drawn 1, lost 1, 5 points.

The Army, played 2, won 1, lost

1, 2 points.

Hong Kong Club, played 2,

drawn 1, lost 1, 1 point.

The remaining fixtures are

(two) Club v. Army, on succes-

sive Wednesdays beginning next

week.

MAORIS RETURN TO FRANCE

Bordeaux, Dec. 5.

The Maoris, who have resumed

their French tour to-day, beat a

selected French rugby XV, by 13

points to 3.

"Mr. W. T. Greswell, the Repton

and Somerset cricketer, has left

Ceylon permanently.

London, Dec. 1.—The Golden

Dawn diamond was "knocked down"

for \$4,950 at Christie's, the pur-

chaser being the Aga Khan.

An extraordinary general meet-

ing of the Royal Hong Kong Golf

Club will be held in the board room

of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Ltd., on Friday, Jan. 7, at 6.15 p.m.,

to confirm the resolution regarding

a change in the Articles of Associa-

tion passed at the meeting on

Dec. 16.

The following will represent the

Indian R.C. v. St. John's Ambulance

Brigade (Indian Section) in a crick-

et match on Sunday commencing at

2 p.m. at Sookumpoo:—F. M. el

Arulli, A. H. Madar, S. H. Ismail,

M. P. Madar, J. S. Ackbar, S. A. R.

Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. S. Ismail,

A. S. Sufiad, S. A. Hussain, and

S. A. Ismail (captain).

EMPIRE SPIRIT.

CLEARING OF IMPERIAL

HORIZON.

SUCCESS AT LONDON.

Rugby, Dec. 22.

The effect of speeches made by

General Hertzog since his arrival

in South Africa from the Imperial

Conference, continues to excite

keen interest, and the South

African newspapers discuss the

possibility of internal political

developments and a new party

alignment particularly in view of

General Hertzog's generous ac-

knowledgment at Pretoria of the

work of the late General Botha and

of General Smuts.

Speaking in London at a farewell

function, Mr. Bruce, who is leaving

for Australia to-day, referred to the

reception accorded Gen. Hertzog in

South Africa.

After remarking that the Imperial

horizon had been cleared of clouds

as a result of the conference, Mr.

Bruce expressed the opinion that

while Gen. Hertzog left his Domi-

nion with the minds of the people

divided, and with no certainty as to

the future, there was now in South

Africa the removal of all those

doubts and a profound spirit of

satisfaction, and a will to co-opera-

tion and unity which had never pre-

viously existed. If the conference

had accomplished nothing else, that

was a great achievement.—British

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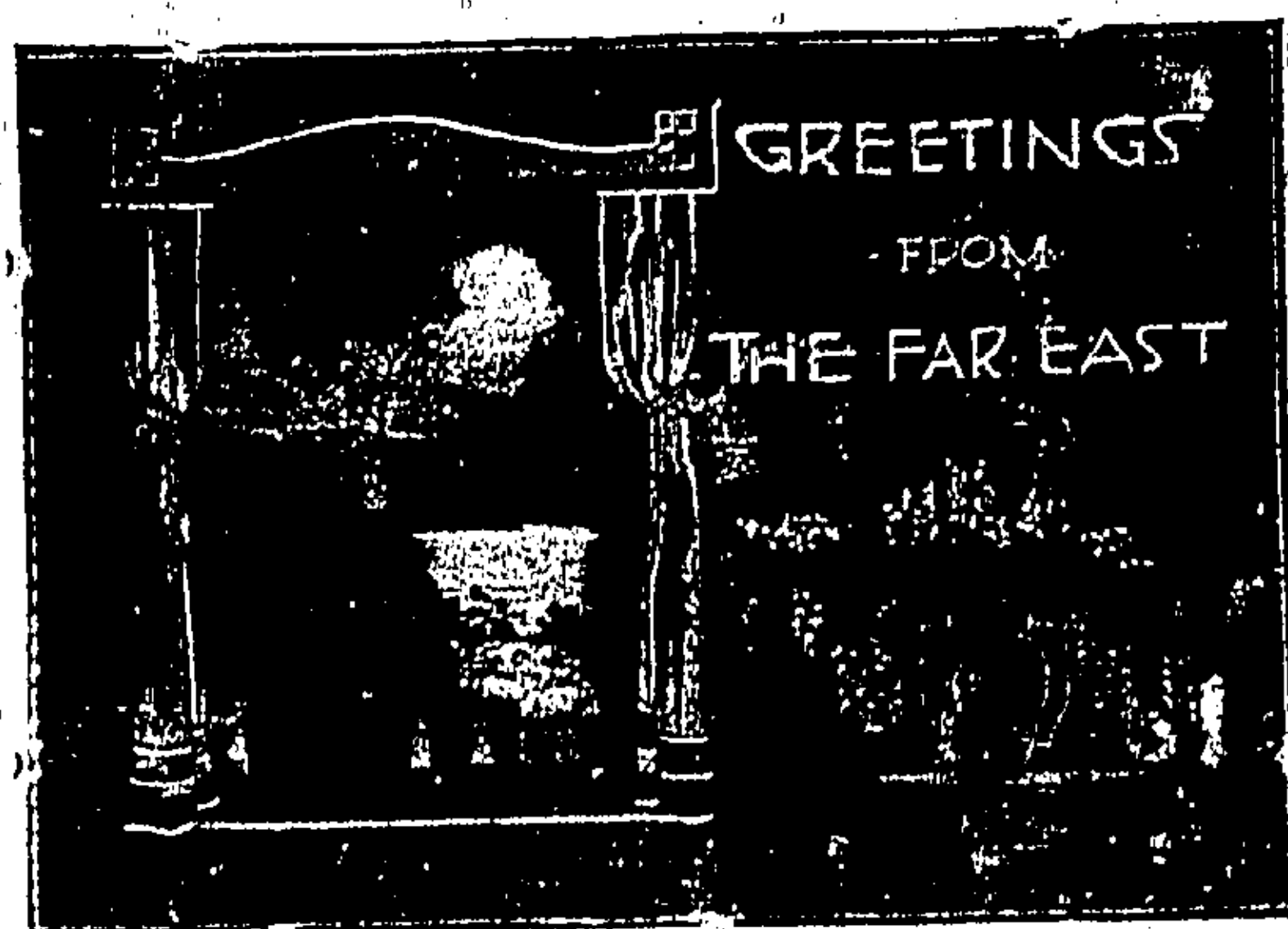
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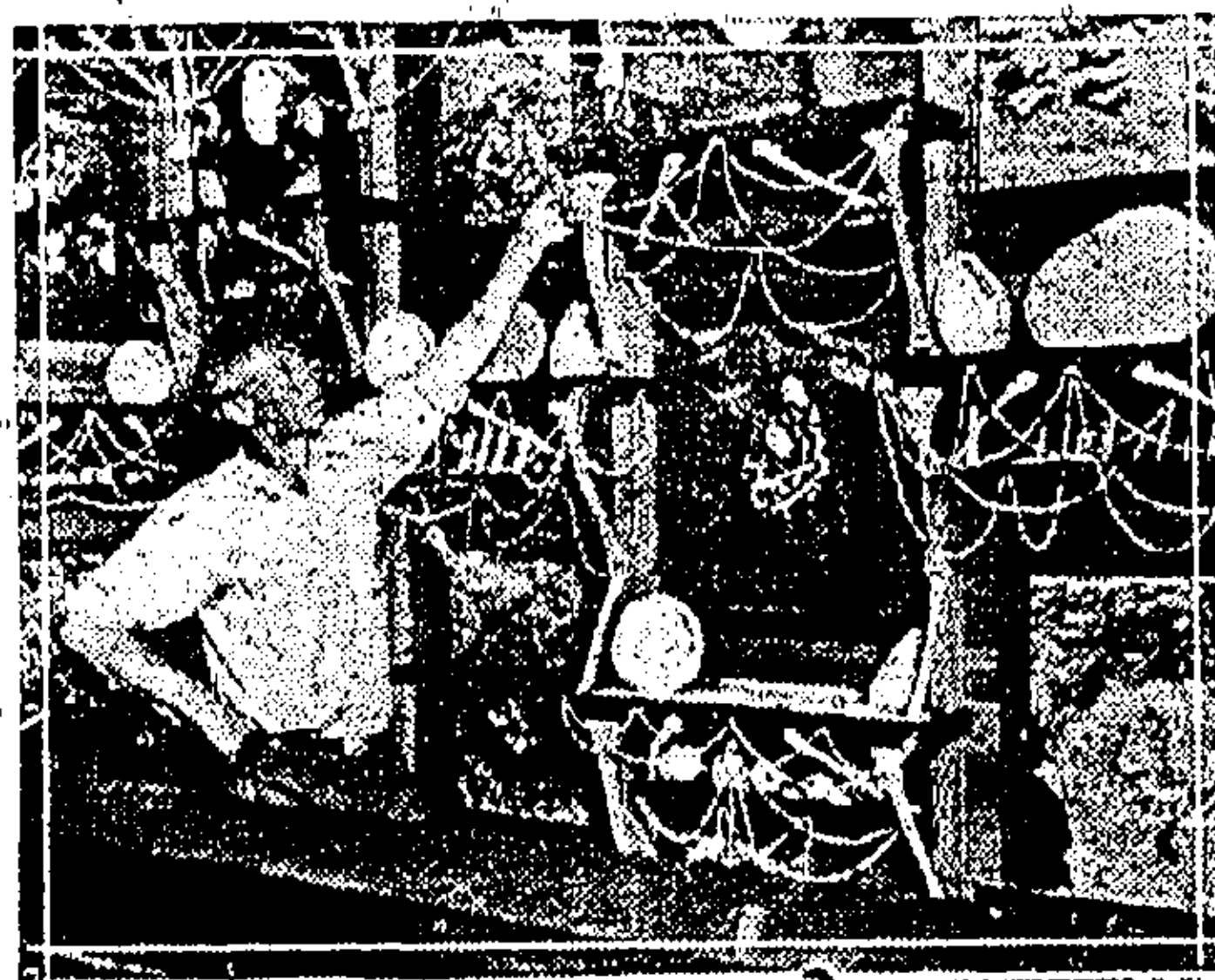
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## People and Events in the News of the World



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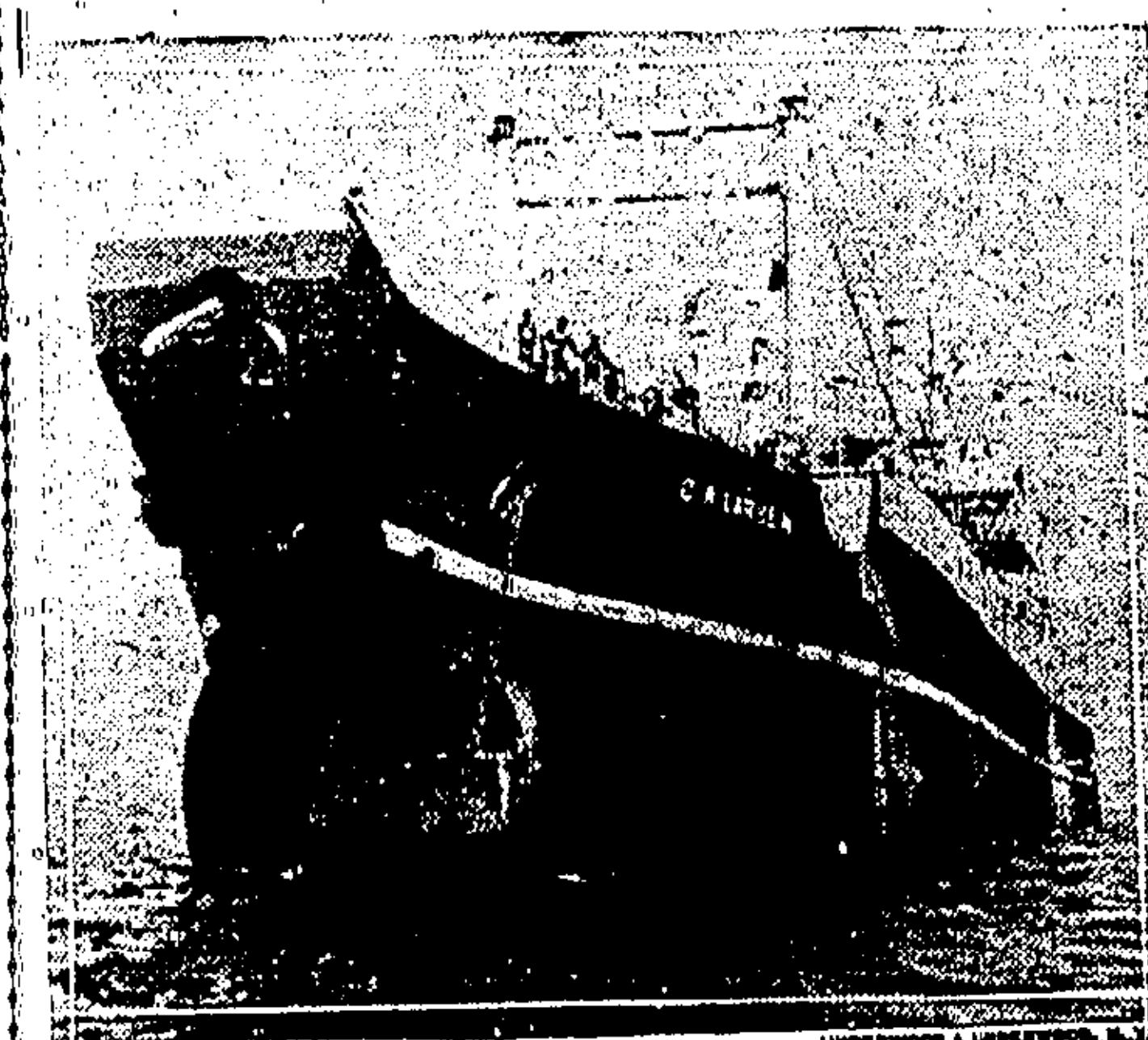
Ralph Glidden, archaeologist, is carrying on extensive explorations along the coast of Southern California in an effort to determine the history of the so-called "White Indians." Photo shows Mr. Glidden with some of the relics which he has unearthed.



Gene Tunney was presented with the sword of a second Lieutenant in New York. The heavyweight champion was a member of the Marine Reserves.



Postmaster-General New on his return from a trip gave his unqualified approval to the assignment of marines to guard the transportation of mails. Photo shows the Postmaster-General with a marine inspecting the latter's rifle.



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Rev. Arthur Foley Winningsham-Ingram, Bishop of London, who will preach in Hong Kong on Christmas Day. Mr. Harry P. Gifford, of Salem, was elected President of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks. Princess Sophie Charlotte was granted a divorce from Prince Eitel-Friedrich, second son of Wilhelm II. of Germany.



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Elmer Thomas (top) and Senator J. W. Harral furnished Oklahoma with one of the most bitter senatorial campaigns in years.

Legal obstructions were cleared to permit the candidacy of former President Alvaro Obregon for President of Mexico. Brigadier-General S. Herbert Wolfe was stabbed in his office in New York by a man to whom he refused to lend money. Senator Charles L. McNary is to investigate elections in the State of Washington. Monsignor Ignatz Seipel has again been elected Chancellor of Austria.

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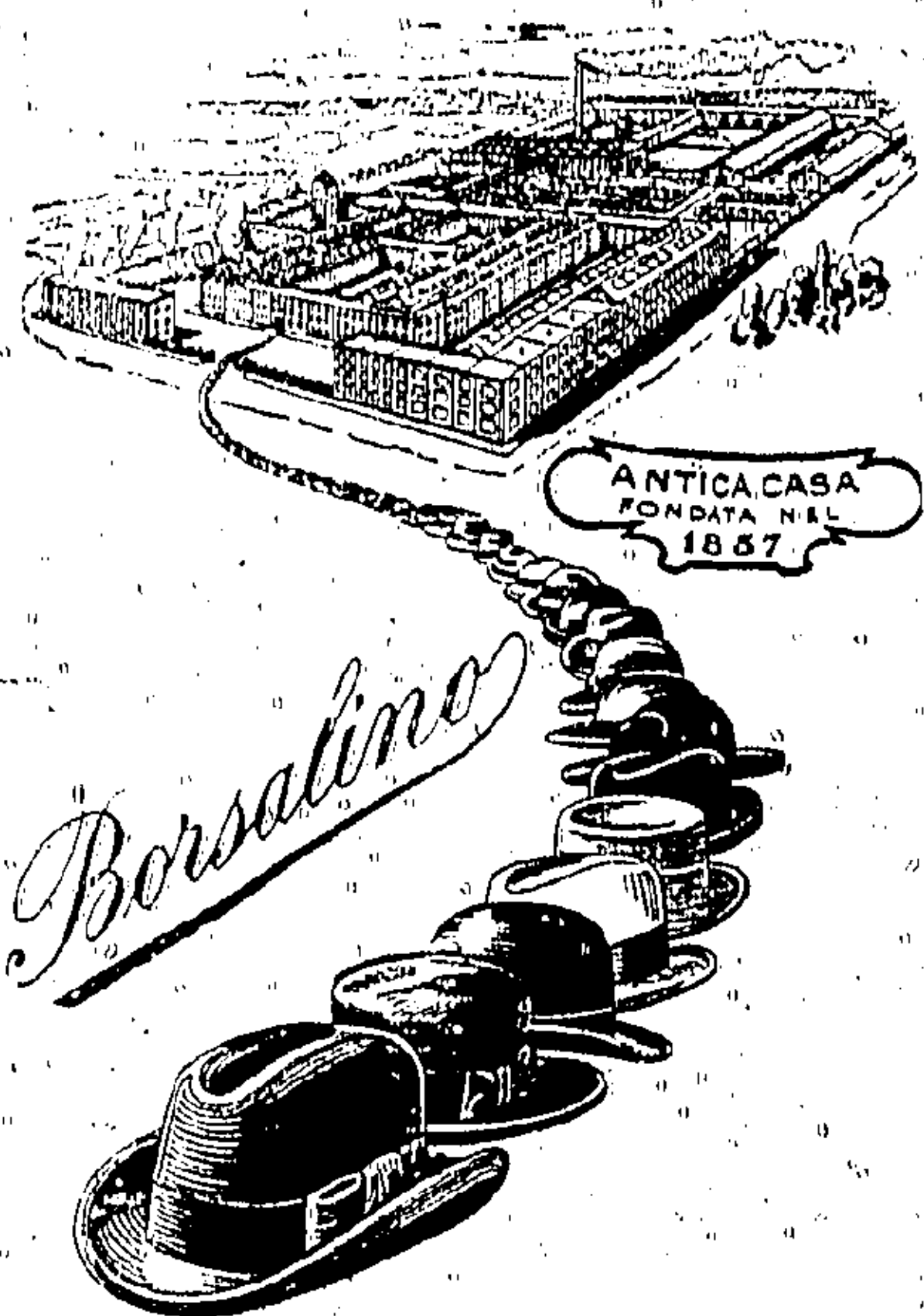
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### A FIRM STAND.

CHINESE EMPLOYERS AND THE UNIONS.

LOCK-OUT THREATENED.

The Chinese merchants of Hankow held a meeting on Dec. 3 at which they announced that if the labour unions persist in their demands, a general lockout among all branches of the Chinese owned industries will be declared. This is the first firm stand that Chinese employers have taken, and if they are sincere in their declaration there is no doubt but what speedy and satisfactory settlement of local labour problems will be effected, says the "Hankow Herald," and that "once again Hankow will become a peaceful and prosperous industrial centre instead of a continual nightmare of uncertain existence. It is safe to say that not one employer of labour, Chinese or foreign, has the slightest objection to the formation of unions by their workmen. It is also safe to say that the vast majority of employers are ready and willing to grant reasonable increases in wages to their employees. But it is entirely unreasonable to think that any employer would submit to demands which would virtually hand over control of his industry to a labour union. There is a limit to all things, and the limit to the activities of the local labour unions has already been reached. Drastic treatment is now necessary, not in order to grind labour down, but in order to permit the capital which employs labour to live. Labour must realise that it cannot crush out capital without crushing out its own existence. The first ray of light through the clouds of industrial depression comes in the resolutions of the Chinese merchants which were passed on Dec. 3, and in the formation of the new Government Labour Council.

### A LECTURER'S BREAKDOWN.

As lecturer at the Jackson College, Rangoon, Maung Tun Pe, M.A., M.R.A.S., is widely known and respected throughout Burma. "It was about three years ago," says Maung Tun Pe, "that strenuous literary pursuits told on my health. I lost appetite and became anemic. Loss of sleep, debility and headaches reduced me to a state of exhaustion. To make matters worse I became afflicted with indigestion and the food I ate ceased to do me good. I seemed to be fading away. "A high official in whose mature judgment I placed implicit confidence advised me to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a thorough trial. He told me of the cure these pills had brought about in his own case, and said that they possess rare qualities in toning up the entire system by enriching the blood. I bought a few bottles of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and commenced to take them. Soon I began to feel better. The run-down feeling disappeared and I could get a proper night's rest. My appetite revived, and as I continued with the pills my headaches disappeared. Now I am as strong as ever." "The simple straightforward statement of Maung Tun Pe is but one of the most recent of innumerable testimonials given by grateful cured sufferers in all parts of the world, proving the curative efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the treatment of diseases due to impoverished blood and disordered nerves. Chemists everywhere sell Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, or sent post free, \$1.50 per bottle, \$3 for 6 bottles, by The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60, Kingsway Road, Shanghai.

### MISSING GROOM.

CHINESE WEDDING CANCELLED IN SHANGHAI.

ENIGMATICAL LETTER.

The "China Press" of Nov. 26, reported:— On the eve of his wedding to Miss Anna Yulan Lan, scheduled to take place in Union Church to-day, Mr. Chang Chi-pao, Dean of the School of Commerce on Avenue Joffre and one of China's most highly esteemed educators is mysteriously missing. His bride is on the verge of prostration and she and his friends believe he is being held for ransom, although no demand for money has been received, only a most enigmatical letter has come which says frankly that any search for him now will endanger his life. All was in readiness for the wedding which was to have been solemnized this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Elaborate preparations had been made, for the nuptial feast and reception which was to have taken place at the Grant Eastern Hotel at 4, and to which several scores of prominent Chinese and foreign friends of the couple had been invited.

Then came the letter which struck terror into the heart of Miss Lan and her friends. It arrived yesterday afternoon and steps were immediately taken to cancel the arrangements for the wedding.

It was addressed to the bride-to-be and said in effect that her fiancé was unavoidably detained, but would return in a few days. Meantime, the letter warned her, no steps were to be taken to find him, as such action would endanger his life.

While the letter seemed to be in the handwriting of Mr. Chang, it is either written under great mental excitement or compulsion, the latter view being held by the young woman and her friends.

Miss Lan is exceedingly well known in local missionary circles, being the protégée of Miss Jennie Hughes, who with Dr. Mary Stone, had made all arrangement for the wedding. What action, if any, has been taken to discover the whereabouts of the missing man, was not disclosed.

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A Chinese, Mah Chung-ting, was arrested by Constable Finnie in Shanghai on Dec. 10 when it was found that the man carried a 32 automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition. More ammunition was found on his person when searched.

### ICHANG LOOTED.

BRITISH NAVAL GUARD LANDED.

SAFETY OF FOREIGNERS.

A British naval guard had to be landed and the foreign women and children removed to a safety compound at Ichang, when the defeated troops of General Yang Son, the Szechuan leader, thoroughly looted the place before evacuating it to the Southerners.

According to reports received in Shanghai General Yang's spectacular attempt to elevate himself into the ranks of the greater war-lords ended in abject failure. Despite his pro-Cantonese declaration, the hostilities which started with the Cantonese capture of Shasi resulted in his loss of Ichang.

Reports state General Yang has fled from Ichang, going up-river into Szechuan. Many of his troops agreed to go over to the Southerners, but the others before the town was completely evacuated on Wednesday engaged in a campaign of looting. Considerable booty was taken but no foreign property was touched. There was some shooting in the place and Chinese casualties are reported.

### Removed to Safety.

As a measure of safety, all the foreign women and children were removed to one of the safe blocks, and a small British naval guard was landed in order to protect them and foreign property. H.M.S. "Cockchafer" reached Ichang on Wednesday evening to reinforce H.M.S. "Cricket."

General Yang succeeded in rescuing some of the troops, who were evacuated from Ichang in French and Italian steamers and Chinese transports. Attempts to seize vessels of other nations resulted in successful resistance.

### Order Maintained.

The 29th Division of the Southern army at present occupy the left bank of the Yangtze outside Ichang. Southern representatives, accompanied by a small force as body-guard, who had been previously officially welcomed by delegates from the Ichang Chamber of Commerce, entered Ichang on Thursday. Negotiations are proceeding with regard to the position to be held by the Northern troops who are incorporated in the Southern Army. The entire 18th and part of the 7th and 8th Divisions constitute those Northern troops which have consented to join the Southerners.

Order is being maintained in the city by a protection corps organized from among local troops.

### EGG-SHELL WILL.

Lord Merrivale, president of the Probate Division of the High Court, refused to accept the will written on an eggshell on the ground that it could not be taken seriously. He held also that a canal pilot could not be regarded as "a seaman at sea," but gave the widow, who had applied for probate, costs from the estate.

The famous "eggshell will," which consisted of the words, "Mag—All I possess.—J.B." written on an eggshell, was found by Mrs. Barnes on top of a wardrobe, and with it she sought to upset an earlier will that left her much less than the £5,000 odd involved in the estate.

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Lord Willington, Canada's new Governor-General, was honored by McGill University in Montreal recently, when the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred upon His Excellency at the McGill University Convocation. His Lordship paid his first official visit to Montreal when he arrived for the ceremony on October 6th. He was met at the Windsor Street Station by E. W. Barty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway and Chancellor of McGill University, and Sir Arthur Currie, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Crowds lined the short route of the procession along the University campus and the street bordering the University grounds. The vivid colors of the full academic gowns were seen, his Lordship tall and impressive in scarlet and white robes and black velvet cap of the LL.D. The honorary degree was conferred by the Chancellor, Lord Willington's great services to India and to the Empire were cited by Sir Arthur Currie when he rose to present His Excellency for the degree of Doctor of Laws. When the degree was bestowed the entire assembly stood while His Lordship signed the book of honor. In a brief speech he said: "I rise for one moment only as a witness to this University, and by that office, as I understand it, the representative of our beloved Sovereign King George, to express to you, as Chancellor of this university, my sincere appreciation of this high honor that you have done me today in giving me the honorary degree of LL.D."

The University was, continue the Governor-General, little about him beyond hearsay. "I can only say here and now that I sincerely hope that the future years may show that I am worthy of the trust you have given me this afternoon."

The photograph shows from left to right: Lord Willington, E. W. Barty, Chancellor of the University, and Sir Arthur Currie, Vice-Chancellor of the University.



